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CZAR'S NEW CRISIS PART OF MINISTRY MAY RESIGN TODAY

NEWS SUMMARY

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Half of the czar's ministry will probably resign today. General strike at Moscow and one ordered at St. Petersburg.—Page 1.

Russia sending gold to Germany to redeem treasury notes which are due next year.—Page 20

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Situation in Russia Is Now Very Critical—A New Strike Ordered.

NEWS IS SUPPRESSED

Information in Regard to the Ministry Is Hard to Obtain from Officials.

HOIST RED FLAG AT KOVNO

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]
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ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20.—Tomorrow half the ministry will retire. Many other details of a most important nature, touching the ministry, are being suppressed. They all denote, however, that the military situation is intensely critical.

The Courland government is entirely in the hands of the revolutionaries and the police force is wiped out. In the Orloff government lawlessness reigns. At Barkoff 70 estates have been plundered.

The Novoe Vremya attacks Count Witte and says: "A man who cannot act as circumstances demand has no right to accept the government of the nation. He had better retire and give the reins into more competent hands." The cold is severe.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

SARATOFF, Dec. 20.—Eight hundred landowners of this vicinity have telegraphed to Premier Witte appealing for the immediate convocation of the national assembly in order to satisfy the land-hunger of the peasants as the only hope of ending the agrarian uprising. The landlords also demanded additional troops to prevent the sacking of the remainder of the estates in the Volga region.

MOSCOW, Dec. 20.—The strike was inaugurated promptly at noon today. All the men walked out of the factories and mills and the trains on the six railroads were left standing in the stations. Shortly afterward an incoming train on the Kursk road was fired into by armed strikers. The engineer and several passengers were wounded. The strikers generally were provided with arms. There is great excitement in the city.

Two British Steamers Ready.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Beyond keeping two British merchant steamers in readiness at Riga for the removal of British subjects in case of necessity the British government is not taking any other action in respect to the British residents in Russia. The report that the government is sending a warship to the Baltic is denied by the foreign office officials, who said that the cruiser Sapphire, which reached Swindemunde, Prussia, today, will not go any further. The British officials are confident of Russia's ability to protect foreign subjects and property and will not send a warship to the Baltic except in case of extreme necessity.

KOVO, Dec. 20.—The revolutionists today hoisted a red flag over a factory and the police were unable to remove it. A machine gun battery was therefore brought into action and shot away the flagstaff. The incident was followed by a bold attack by the crowd on passing troops, whereupon the latter fired, killing or wounding a number of the rioters.

BOGORODITSK, Dec. 20.—Count Bob-

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BIG TERMINALS OF TWO ROADS DESTROYED BY FIRE

New Ferry Houses of D. L. & W. and Central of N. J. Burn.

$1,000,00 IS THE LOSS

Pennsylvania and Erie Stations Saved Only by Hard Work of Firemen.

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Herald Building, Herald Square.
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

Two of the largest and most modern ferry houses on the North river front, the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and Central of New Jersey, at Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, were destroyed by a midday fire today, entailing a loss of fully $1,000,000. Both structures were new, having been opened for service last September. Although several employes of the companies and some of the firemen were severely burned, no lives were lost, and all baggage was saved.

For a time the fire theratened the Pennsylvania and Erie ferry houses, but these were saved through the hard work of the firemen, who attacked the blaze with engines ashore and with fire boats from the water front.

Before the embers had cooled the Lackawanna company had 500 men at work repairing two of the slips, and announced tonight that their service would be partly resumed there tomorrow morning. Meanwhile all their boats were sent to their other two slips at Christopher and Barclay streets. The Central of New Jersey arranged with the Erie and Pennsylvania to run some of its boats to the latter's slips.

This is the second disastrous fire the Lackawanna has had within the last five months. On August 7 their station and ferry terminal at Hoboken was destroyed with a loss of $500,000, and a temporary structure is still being used there.

The fire started in a paint shop in the Lackawanna building, presumably from a defective electric wire. A ferryboat was just discharging 500 passengers into this building when smoke, flames and the series of explosions burst from the paint shop nearby. So rapidly did the flames spread that when the fire department had gotten to work, the intense heat was already melting the copper sheathing. The floors of this block soon fell, leaving little except walls standing, and the Jersey Central building was almost as badly wrecked.

The rescue of $200,000 worth of tickets and cash from a safe in the Jersey Central office was a feature of the fire. A. H. Jakin, an officer of the road, ran into the office and got possession of the valuables before he was overcome by smoke. Two clerks carried him out of the building.

A slight fire occurred at 9 o'clock tonight in the storeroom of the Lackawanna railroad's temporary terminals in Hoboken, the blaze being controlled before serious damage was done.

JACK O'BRIEN DEFEATS BOB FITZSIMMONS IN THIRTEEN ROUNDS

O'BRIEN SHOWS HIS SPEED AND FOOTWORK

Outpoints Bob Fitzsimmons in Their 20-Round Battle at San Francisco.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—After the 13th round in Mechanics' pavilion tonight, before a monster attendance, Bob Fitzsimmons collapsed in his fight with Jack O'Brien. He had fought hard, but nature could not longer stand the strain, and after the gong had sounded he walked to his corner and sat in his chair. Then his head fell over on his breast, his whole body collapsed and he was unable to proceed. Referee Graney saw his condition and awarded the fight to O'Brien.

While pounded in the face and several times in jeopardy, Fitz always managed to come to and resume the fight. Just at the close of the 13th round he landed a left on O'Brien's stomach, but the Philadelphian came back with a similar blow and followed it with a left to the jaw. The gong rang for the close of the round and Fitz walked to his corner. As he sat down he said to Graney:

"Eddie, he hit me in the stomach and it is all over." Then his head sank and Bob Fitzsimmons was defeated.

Game to the Last.

Referee Graney said: "Fitz showed his class. O'Brien is a wonderful boxer and the old man stood up and took his punishment. Occasionally he showed a flash of his old-time form, but his strength could not last."

After the fight had been awarded to O'Brien, Fitzsimmons slipped to the floor and lay prostrate in the ring. There was a call for a doctor, as it was seen that Fitzsimmons was in a state of collapse. He revived, however, in a few minutes and, with the assistance of his seconds, was able to leave the ring.

O'Brien gave a remarkable exhibition of sparring and footwork. He ducked, dodged and sidestepped in a manner that was bewildering. Fitz would swing and find only space, several times nearly going through the ropes from the force of his misspent blows. O'Brien would straighten up and dash in a wicked cutting left which, while not possessing knockdown force, was sufficient to trouble the former champion.

Fitzsimmons had the sympathy of the enormous crowd which jeered and hissed O'Brien when he ducked and ran away.

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TO DELAY FUNERAL TILL SON COMES FROM TURKEY

Mother of Minister John G. A. Leishman Is Dead—To Place the Body in Vault.

Mrs. Amelia Leishman Batson, widow of Capt. John Batson and mother of John G. A. Leishman, United States minister to Turkey, died yesterday morning at the home of Mrs. Mary C. McKelvey, 833 North St. Clair street. The body will not be interred until Minister Leishman returns from Turkey. It will be placed in a receiving vault in Allegheny cemetery to await his arrival. A cablegram was sent to Minister Leishman yesterday advising him of his mother's death, and an answer is expected today. It was the intention of Minister Leishman to return to this country January 1 next, but owing to troublesome times in Turkey he has been detained, and until word is received from him it is not known when he can come home.

Mrs. Batson was the daughter of the late William Henderson, and was born in Dublin 74 years ago, coming to this country with her father while young. Mr. Henderson was engaged in business in this city for a number of years. For years Mrs. Batson made her home with Mrs. McKelvey, who was a near friend of herself and son. Minister Leishman is the only surviving child. Funeral services will be held at the residence of Mrs. McKelvey tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

TRAIN CRASHES INTO BOULDER NEAR GRAFTON

Engineer Fails to Understand Warning of Small Boys and a Wreck Results.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CUMBERLAND, MD., Dec. 20.—Baltimore & Ohio passenger train No. 12, consisting of eight passenger coaches and a Pullman car, was wrecked near Davisville, a few miles east of Grafton, W. Va. Engineer Philips stated that he saw a lot of small boys on the platform at Davisville waving their hats and arms, but never thought they were warning him of danger and so passed on at the rate 40 miles an hour.

When the engine swung around the curve Philips saw a large rock on the track ahead. He applied the emergency brake and reversed, but succeeded only in lessening the speed of the train, which crashed into the large boulder with great force.

The engine was disabled and the passengers badly shaken. The small boys had seen the rock roll down on the tracks and being unable to remove it, had divided their party and started both ways to warn approaching trains.

MURDERERS STILL FREE.

Reward Will Probably Be Offered for Men Who Killed Hugh McCoy Near Darlington.

BEAVER FALLS, PA., Dec. 20.—Special.)—Thus far no arrests have been made in the Hugh McCoy murder and robbery, which took place near Darlington last night. Today the place was visited by County Detective Lazarus. He expresses an opinion the robbers did not live far away. After the McCoys sold their farm on Saturday in Beaver Falls they had been exhibiting their money in several hotels in the town.

It is thought that persons in Beaver Falls planned the robbery and murder. The county commissioners will probably offer a reward of about $2,000 for the capture of the murderers dead or alive.

PRISON FOR A YEAR SENTENCE GIVEN "ABE" HUMMEL

Noted Criminal Lawyer Convicted of Conspiracy in Dodge-Morse Divorce Case.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Abraham H. Hummel, the lawyer, today was convicted of conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case. He was sentenced within a few minutes to one year's imprisonment and a fine of $500, the maximum penalty. A motion for an arrest of judgment for 24 hours was denied and Hummel was taken to the Tombs preparatory to going to the penitentiary. Hummel was released from the Tombs at 10 o'clock tonight under $10,000 bail on a writ of reasonable doubt secured from Judge Woodward of the supreme court in Brooklyn.

The rapidity of the entire proceeding, coming as it did against one of the most prominent and successful of New York lawyers, caused great surprise. One of the unexpected features was the fact that one of Hummel's own counsel, John B. Stanchfield, made the first proposal for a speedy sentence. Depending upon the result of this case are actions in other indictments against prominent persons, which have grown out of the Dodge-Morse divorce case.

A hushed court room waited for the jury's verdict on the lawyer who had worked his way up from the position of office boy in the firm of which he is now the head. When the foreman read "guilty" Hummel flushed slightly.

Mr. Stanchfield proposed that sentence be imposed immediately, and District Attorney Jerome was hurriedly summoned to the court room. He consented, saying, as he made the motion, that Hummel had been a menace to the community and to public decency for the last 20 years. The prisoner, when asked if he had anything to say before sentence should be passed, replied: "Nothing at all."

In his cell an hour later Hummel said to reporters:

"It would be shocking bad taste for me to say anything, but I can't help but feel that I have been unjustly convicted, chiefly due to vindictiveness. Notwithstanding that Mr. Jerome said I was a menace to the community for 20 years, I am behind the bars with a clear conscience, strange as it may seem to some people."

An indictment for subornation of perjury is still pending against Hummel.

BREATHES ALTHOUGH DEAD.

Young Woman's Respiration Continues for Forty Minutes After Her Heart Had Stopped.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Rosie Fisher, who took a fatal dose of carbolic acid early this morning was pronounced dead at 8:10 a. m., yet 40 minutes later her bosom was still rising and falling in spasmodic respiration.

Dr. William S. Lawrence, of the city dispensary staff, stated that it was the first case of spinal reflex respiration that has ever come under his observation and that they are very rare, though well recognized by medical science. That the heart had ceased to beat long before respiration ceased, and that she was really and actually dead even before she ceased breathing, he declares is unassailable.

Whitelaw Reid at Home.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador to Great Britain, and Mrs. Reid, arrived here on the steamer Oceanic today.

SOLONS STIRRED BY THE NAMING OF BISHOP

Nomination as a Member of the Canal Commission by President Causes Comment.

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Room 10, Postal Building.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.

Joseph Bucklin Bishop, secretary of the Isthmian canal commission, and the so-called "press agent," about whom so much has been said within the past two weeks, was today the cause of the most remarkable action of the senate that has taken place in many months. Mr. Bishop is the President's friend, and there is no denying that his appointment to office has caused more criticism for the President than any other official act during the administration of Theodore Roosevelt.

That the President intends to stick to Mr. Bishop, regardless of this criticism, was shown when he sent to the senate the nomination of Mr. Bishop as a canal commissioner to take the place of Mr. Wallace. The latter was not only chief engineer, but a commissioner as well, and his successor, Mr. Stevens, is only chief engineer.

The nomination of Mr. Bishop to fill the vacancy was sent to the senate today. As a commissioner he would receive only $7,500 a year, but it is reported that he is also to be assigned duties as secretary, for which he will receive $2,500, making his total salary $10,000, the same as he now receives. As a commissioner it is understood he would continue to attend to the newspaper end of the canal enterprise, and it was hoped in this capacity he could follow the work without evoking further criticism.

Exceptions Are Taken.

When the senate went into executive session today to consider the nomination of Mr. Bishop, Senator Morgan of Alabama, asked that no action be taken at present, but that the nomination be referred to a committee until the senators could ascertain whether it is the intention of the President to do what rumor says he will. Mr. Morgan also criticized the confirmation of Chairman Shonts and the other commissioners, which was done on Saturday, claiming that the action was railroaded through without consideration by the committee on interoceanic canals.

Senators Lodge and Spooner took exceptions to this latter statement, declaring that according to their understanding the committee had approved of the confirmations. Senator Lodge said he understood that while there had been no meeting of the committee, the members of the committee had been polled by the chairman, as if often done, and that he had been authorized to make a report in favor of the confirmations.

Senator Millard of Nebraska, acting chairman of the committee on interoceanic canals, when called upon for a statement, replied that he had not made a poll, but had reported favorably on the nominations under his own authority.

Request Made of President.

In view of this fact, it was admitted that the matter had not received proper consideration, and it was agreed that the nominations should all go back to the committee. But under the rules, action of the senate cannot be reconsidered after the lapse of two legislative days, and thus the confirmations could not be rescinded.

It was finally decided to ask the President to again send the nominations to the senate, in order that they might be reconsidered. Whether this will be done rests entirely with the President. It is said that one reason this is requested is the statement made by Senator Tillman of South Carolina, that Chairman Shonts of the canal commission is retaining his position as president of the Clover Leaf railroad.

L. W. STRAYER.

MORE MONEY TO HOLDERS OF LUCKY PIECES

The following persons called at The Gazette's counting rooms yesterday and redeemed their "Lucky Pieces," which had been called for:

J. G. McCready, 235 South Fairmont, avenue, No. 25,325 ..... $10
W. L. Harry, 502 Arlington avenue, Allegheny, No. 10,471 2
Fred Schleicker, 1821 Tustin street, Soho, No. 21,172 1
John Sigmund, Harriett street, Allegheny, No. 23,892 1
A. J. Wolbert Arnold street, Thirty-ninth ward, No. 15,764 2
E. W. Crozier, 195 Forty-fourth street, No. 12,654 1
Miss Anna May, 10 Erie street, Allegheny, No. 12,361 1
Mrs. P. J. Flaherty, 104 James street, Verona, Pa., No. 24,429 1
W. A. Gilbraith, 2 Coleman street, No. 13,883 2
I. C. Patsch Houston, Pa., No. 13,100 1
Merritt B. Carson, 329 Eleventh avenue, New Brighton, Pa., No. 21,606 1
Frank Anderson, Herron avenue, No. 16,539 1
H. D. O'Connor, 339 Sherman avenue, Bellevue, No. 23,345 1
Charles Pryor, 1545 Clark street, No. 20,472 1
George B. Knox, messenger Marine National bank, No. 10,237 1
William Schuette, 102 Knox avenue, Knoxville, No. 20,502 1
John Bevington, Sewickley, No. 21,203. 1
Harry Coleman, 73 Crawford street, No. 17,972 2
Martha Miller, Avalon, pupil of room 13, No. 23,566 2
Mattie B. Gillespie, 1009 West street Homestead, No. 25,843 2

"Lucky Pieces" Make Happy Christmases.

There never was a happier Christmas season than this for holders of Gazette "Lucky Pieces," who have come in for a share of the fortune The Gazette has started to give away. Santa Claus making pre-Christmas visits is so unusual that all of the gifts have come as windfalls to the lucky ones, and the increase in their cash for the holiday season has naturally been most welcome.

The good luck that has come to all these persons may just as easily come to you. You can never tell when the "Lucky Piece" you hold may be called for. Or if you haven't found one yet you may happen upon one any time. That is, if you look closely.

Twenty more of the lucky persons, whose numbers have been asked for, called at The Gazette's counting rooms yesterday and received the cash due them. They had all read of their good fortune in The Gazette and were delighted with the Christmas cash they receved.

A bright $10 gold piece was what J. G. McCready of 235 South Fairmount avenue received yesterday afternoon, in exchange for "Coon" medallion No. 25,325. Naturally he was greatly pleased over his good fortune. When the "Lucky Piece" clinked to the sidewalk beside him, as he was standing at Highland and Penn avenues Monday evening, he said he thought at first that it was a half dollar. He picked it up, and, realizing that one of the much coveted "Lucky Pieces" had found him, he never thought as he put it away in his pocketbook that it would bring him $10 in gold. He is a constant reader of The Gazette, and when he saw the call for his number yesterday, he came in as quickly as possible to claim his reward. Mr. McCreedy was formerly a student in the medical department of the Western university, but was compelled about a year ago to drop his work on account of ill health. He formerly took an active part in college athletics.

Goes for Milk and Finds Money.

Little Martha Miller of Avalon discovered a "Lucky Piece" lying on the top of a bottle of cream on the front porch of her home the other morning. It was the first of the shining discs she had seen, but she knew at once what it was and hurried in to her mother and told her of her good luck. In The Gazette Wednesday she saw her number, 23,566, called, and as soon as school was dismissed at noon she came to The Gazette office and got her $2. Then she started out for the purpose of buying more Christmas presents.

"Deed, sah," said Harry Coleman, a waiter at the New Rush house, Liberty street, "was nevah mo' astonished in ma life than when ah sighted somethin' shinin' in a pile of dishes that I was takin' to the kitchen to be washed the othah day. Ah thought it might be a tip that some gelt'man had left, but when Ah looken an' saw a "Lucky Piece," Ah was mo' than tickled. No, Ah doan' carry no rabbit's foot nor nothing, but Ah jes' kep' ma eyes open fo' dat list of lucky numbers in de Gazette, an,' sure nuff, Ah sees this mornin' whar $2 is comin' to me. Yas, sah, thank yah sah. That's the biggest tip Ah've had come ma way fo' a long time."

One glance at "Lucky Piece" No. 13,883 was all that W. A. Gilbraith of 2 Coleman street made when he picked it up in his front yard, for being a steady reader of The Gazette, he knew he stood a chance of getting a share in the fortune The Gazette is giving away. He kept his "Coon" medallion only a few days before he saw his number called and received his $2.

Another Big List Is Coming.

Miss Anna May of 10 Erie street, Allegheny, picked up "Lucky Piece" No. 12,361 on the front steps of her home the other morning, and not knowing what it was, bought a Gazette and learned that it might bring her money. So she watched The Gazette's columns from day to day, and seeing her number called yesterday, she came to The Gazette office and secured a crisp new $1 note for her trouble.

And so the story goes. Others have been lucky, and why not you? If you haven't found a "Lucky Piece" yet, keep on searching, and then watch The Gazette always.

In next Sunday's Gazette another big list of lucky numbers will be asked for. For the benefit of those who may have missed the previous calls, all of the numbers that have been announced and not yet redeemed will be repeated.

Where are all of the lucky numbers called? Who has them? Who gets the rewards? Every number asked for has been lost. They may not have been found, but that's all the more reason why everyone should persist in the search.

Just $180 of the $300 offered thus far has been claimed. The money awaits the lucky holders in The Gazette office and if you see your number called, bring or send in your "Lucky Piece" and the money is yours.

You can't afford to miss next Sunday's Gazette, that big list of numbers may contain that of your "Lucky Piece," and if you have money coming to you, you want to know it.

Order next Sunday's Gazette of your carrier or newsdealer now, so that you won't be disappointed. In every department it will be the greatest of Pittsburgh's Sunday newspapers.

THE WEATHER

Rain.

Rains today, colder tomorrow is the forecast for Pittsburgh and vicinity made by the official observer at Washington. The maximum temperature yesterday was 52 and the minimum 38 degrees. The sun rose cloudy at 7:42 and set cloudy at 4:56 o'clock yesterday. The daily report, as furnished by the local bureau, follows:

Government Weather Forecast.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Forecast:

Western Pennsylvania—Rain Thursday, high northeast to east winds; Friday fair, colder, except snow near Lake Erie. West Virginia—Rain Thursday; Friday fair, colder, except rain or snow in mountain districts; high east winds Thursday.

Ohio—Rain tonight; Friday partly cloudy and cooler; snow in northeast portion.

Time.	Baro.	Tem.	Hum.	Wind.	Weather.
8 a. m.	30.25	41	81	N.E	Cloudy.
8 p. m.	29.98	45	71	N.E.	Rain.

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 20:

	1905	1904		1905	1904
Maximum	52	53	Mean	45	29
Minimum	38	26	Precipitation	T.	T.
Nor. temp. 31 yrs.	34		Nor. precip. 31 yrs.	.69	
Exc. for day	11		Dfcy. for day	.69	
Dfcy. since Dec. 1	25		Dfcy. since Dec. 1	.15	
Dfcy. since Jan. 1	360		Dfcy. since Jan. 1	1.76	

Observations taken at 8 p. m.:

Chicago	38	Cloudy	St. Louis	42	Rain
Omaha	30	PtCldy	Columbus	42	Rain
Atlanta	44	Cloudy	Indianapolis	40	Rain
Northplatte	30	Cloudy	Grand Rapids	38	Cloudy
Wichita	34	Snow	Davenport	34	Snow
El Paso	48	Clear	Dubuque	34	Cloudy
Concordia	32	Cloudy	Grand Haven	36	Cloudy
Abilene	50	Clear	Parkersburg	44	Rain
Amarillo	38	Clear	Philadelphia	42	Rain
Cairo	48	Rain	Baltimore	46	Rain
Memphis	50	Rain	New York	44	Cloudy
Vicksburg	48	Rain	Washington	48	Rain
Nashville	48	Rain	New Orleans	62	Cloudy
Salt Lake	32	Clear	Des Moines	32	Snow
Cheyenne	32	Clear	Kansas City	30	Snow
Lander	32	Clear	Springfield, Mo.	36	Rain
Modena	32	Cloudy	Oklahoma	38	Cloudy
Pueblo	36	PtCldy	San Antonio	60	Clear
Santa Fe	28	Clear	Shreveport	50	Cloudy
Denver	34	Clear	Little Rock	46	Cloudy
Valentine	32	PtCldy	Ft. Smith	46	Rain
Duluth	28	Cloudy	Chattanooga	46	Rain
Marquette	34	Cloudy	Gd. Junction	32	PtCldy
Madison	32	Cloudy	Dodge City	32	Clear
Bismarck	16	Cloudy	Rapid City	34	Cloudy
Helena	30	Cloudy	North Platte	36	Cloudy
Havre	28	PtCldy	Yellowstone	32	PtCldy
Huron	26	Cloudy	Montgomery	58	Cloudy
St. Paul	30	Cloudy	Galveston	54	Clear
Buffalo	36	Cloudy	Springfield, Ill.	38	Rain
Palestine	48	Clear	Jacksonville	56	Rain
Cleveland	38	Rain	Los Angeles	62	

*Observation taken at 5 a. m.

WARSHIPS HOLD THE SITUATION

Chinese Government Is Taking Precautions to Prevent the Spread of Disorder.

BALTIMORE MARINES ARRIVE

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

LONDON, Dec. 20.—According to official advices received today from Shanghai, it is believed the situation, while most unsatisfactory, can be controlled by the warships already there. The only danger is that disaffection may spread to the interior. It is thought it will not be necessary to send troops, as the Chinese government is taking every precaution to prevent an uprising.

The foreign office has disapproved the action of the British assessor in confining Chinese women prisoners in a foreign jail. It has so instructed the minister at Pekin, Sir E. M. Satow, who has ordered the transfer of the prisoners to a native jail. It is alleged that this action of the assessor was the cause of the recent rioting.

PEKIN, Dec. 20.—The dowager empress today issued an edict commanding the viceroy of Chili, province of Yuan-Shi-Kai, commander of the Chinese army, to proceed to Shanghai, investigate the disturbances, secure the punishment of those implicated, and impeach the civil and military officials responsible for the maintenance of order.

The success of the boycott in securing concessions in the new treaty from the American government undoubtedly encouraged the Chinese to engage in the recent demonstrations. The Chino-Japanese treaty will be signed December 22. The utmost secrecy is maintained regarding the agreement. The foreign legations and Chinese officials are ignorant of the terms.

Marines Are Landed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The state department has received a cablegram from Shanghai announcing the arrival there last evening of the men from the Baltimore. The state department advices of this morning are to the effect that the British were preparing for a large demonstration by both army and navy. German, Japanese and American cruisers were on their way to Shanghai. Quiet prevailed yesterday, but only because of the armed force controlling the city. The mixed court was still closed. The Chinese authorities were trying to affect a compromise, but demanded the removal of the British assessor, which was refused.

It is clear to the officials here that the trouble in Shanghai is not due to anti-American feeling, and especially to the boycott, so that other nations at least have now a personal interest in doing what they can to restore order in the treaty ports. As understood here, the trouble arose from the action of the British assessor in levying a tax upon a Chinese resident of the foreign settlement. The court is a curious body, made up of a Chinese magistrate, who holds sittings every week day.

How Court Is Constituted.

On two days of each week an American official from the consulate general sits with him, in the capacity of assessor; on two other days a similar German official sits, and on the remaining two week days, a British representative.

This court has jurisdiction over all licenses and taxes payable by the Chinese in the foreign settlement of Shanghai. The French has a similar court of their own. The Chinese municipal authorities have always been jealous of this court, and there have been many clashes in the past owing to the efforts of the Chinese to collect these taxes themselves. The court also possesses the power to punish culprits and frequently causes the cat-o-nine tails to be laid on, while the Chinese whip culprits with bamboos.

For a long time past the Chinese have been trying to reduce the authority of the mixed court.

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

BELASCO—William H. Thompson in "The Bishop," 8:15 p. m.
NIXON—"Wizard of Oz," 8 p. m.
GRAND OPERA HOUSE—Continuous vaudeville bill of 15 acts, 1:30 to 10:45 p. m.
ALVIN—Kolb and Dill in "I. O. U.," 2 and 8 p. m.
GAYETY—Scribner's Gay Morning Glories in vaudeville and burlesque, 2 and 8 p. m.
BIJOU—"A Race for Life," 8:15 p. m.
EMPIRE—"A Hot Old Time," 8:15 p. m.
WILLIAMS' ACADEMY—Williams' Ideal Extravaganza Company, 2 and 8 p. m.
DUQUESNE GARDEN—Ice skating sessions, with music, afternoon and evening.
CARNEGIE INSTITUTE ART GALLERIES—Tenth annual international exhibition, 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.
ALLEGHENY CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL—986th free organ recital, Caspar P. Koch, city organist, assisted by Charles P. Schwan, 8 p. m.

OCEAN INTELLIGENCE.

Arrived, December 20.

New York—Sicilian Prince, Naples and Palermo; Kronprinz Albert, Genoa and Naples; Oceanic, from Liverpool.
Liverpool—Lake Champlain, St. John, N. S.
London—Minnehaha, New York, Montezuma, St. John and Halifax for Antwerp.
Queenstown—Baltic, New York for Liverpool and proceeded; Athenia, St. John, N. B., for Glasgow; Haverford, Philadelphia and proceeded.
Leghorn—Perugia, New York via Naples and Marseilles.
Dover—Kroonland, New York for Antwerp.
Yokohama—Agincourt, Portland, Ore., for Hilogo; Ilford, Tacoma, Seattle and Victoria.

Sailed, December 20.

New York—Majestic, Liverpool, Rotterdam, thid Boulogne; Victorian, Liverpool.
Queenstown—Saxonia (from Liverpool), Boston.
Avonmouth—Manxman, Portland.
Liverpool—Celtic, New York via Queenstown.

Passed, December 20.

Kinsale—Iberian, Boston for Manchester.
Lizard—Kroonland, New York for Dover and Antwerp; La Savoie, New York for Havre.
Nantucket Light—Hamburg, Genoa and Naples for New York.

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The proof of the turkey is in the eating thereof—McCann's turkeys are par excellence. 401-03-10 Market street.

WOMEN AND GAMBLING LEAD TO A BOY'S CRIME

Thomas Brookfield, 17 Years Old, Confesses That He Looted a Neighbor's House and Gave Jewelry to Dissolute Women.

"I just couldn't resist the temptation, officer. I liked the girls and gave them the jewelry. I can't pass a slot machine without trying my luck, so I spent the money. I'm awful sorry."

This was the remarkable confession made last night by 17-year-old Thomas Brookfield of 2310 Cobden street, Arlington Heights, at the South Side police station, when confronted with the charge of robbing the residence of Jacob Andreas, who lived near him in Cobden street. The house had been looted of $53 in cash, a gold watch, four rings, two pairs of earrings and a gold chain.

Brookfield had been seen loitering in the neighborhood and suspicion pointed to him as the person who had committed the theft. Special Officer Albert Beebe and Herman Hartman were given charge of the case and arrested the lad while he was squandering nickels in slot machines. He had $34.50 left, and offered to assist the detectives in recovering the stolen jewelry.

He led the way to several resorts in Third avenue, and the women there were found wearing the errings, the watch and the other heirlooms which the youth a few hours before had distributed with such a prodigal hand.

"Why these are our Christmas presents," said one of the women as she hesitated to yield up her portion of the jewels.

"Yes, but they came in the wrong sort of package," explained the officers.

Brookfield led the way from house to house and practically all the stolen articles were found. He was then locked up and this morning will be arraigned on a charge of larceny.

The Andreas home was robbed yesterday afternoon while the family was absent. The key to the door had been left on a window sill and it is thought the boy perceived this, gained an entrance with difficulty and operated without being detected.

O'BRIEN DEFEATS FITZSIMMONS

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But the Philadelphia man had laid out his plan of battle and could not be coerced into mixing things with the older fighter, who was known to possess a dangerous punch.

Is Fitz's Last Fight.

Before Fitz left the ring he made a little speech in which he said that he had done his best. He said he had fought his last fight.

Fitzsimmons, like the John L. Sullivan of old, fought once too often. He was no match for the younger man from Philadelphia. O'Brien played around him almost like a cat around a mouse. Fitz looked slow and awkward by comparison. Fitz weighed 158 pounds and O'Brien 165. O'Brien's seconds were Spider Kelley, Chappie DeWolf, Willie Fitzgerald and Swanson Swede. Fitzsimmons was looked after by Bull Croll, Harry Chester and Billy Bates.

The first preliminary of four rounds, being between O'Connor and Roche, both local boys, ended in the second round by Roche's seconds throwing up the sponge.

The second preliminary of four rounds, between Willie Edwards of San Francisco and Paddy Lynch of Denver, ended in the fourth by the referee giving the fight to Lynch, who had all the best of it.

At 9:12 p. m., Philadelphia Jack O'Brien entered the ring. He was followed a moment later by Fitzsimmons. The latter was accorded such a welcome as has seldom been witnessed in this city. The immense throng arose to a man, waved their hats and shouted themselves hoarse. Fitzsimmons immediately went to O'Brien's corner, grasped him by the hand and shook it heartily.

Bob was stripped to his trunks as he entered the ring, while Jack was clad in a long bath robe. Fitzsimmons wore a long blue trunk round which was worn the American flag with a rosette of red, white and blue. He made a striking picture as his slender form contrasted greatly with O'Brien's stocky build. Jack wore plain green trunks entwined with the American colors. His reception was very cool.

Fitzsimmons then was presented as the middleweight and light heavyweight champion of the world. Again the house displayed its sentimental preference by standing in the seats and cheering the old man to the echo.

Then a challenge was read from Marvin Hart. Jack (Twin) Sullivan entered the ring and challenged the winner.

Referee Eddie Graney called the principals to the center of the ring and a discussion regarding rules followed. Clean break rules will govern the contest, and each man was ordered to break immediately upon being ordered to do so by the referee. O'Brien appeared in very good humor as the men posed for a flashlight and continually joked with Fitzsimmons and the referee. At the ringside O'Brien was the favorite at 10 to 8.

The fight by rounds follows:

Fight by Rounds.

FIRST ROUND—O'Brien danced around Fitz like a yearling colt and then ran into a clinch without landing a blow. Jack continued to dance around, with Fitz chasing him. Jack rushed in, but Bob was inside the blow. O'Brien scored first with a right to the body. They sparred continually, O'Brien employing wonderful foot work in keeping his distance. Fitz was puzzled and could not locate the Philadelphian. O'Brien then closed in, landing rights and lefts to the body. The round ended with not more than four blows landed.

SECOND ROUND—Fitz crouched low, and after O'Brien had missed with a left for the face the Philadelphian whipped left and right to the face. Fitz landed a left to the head. Bob then drove O'Brien into a corner, but Jack cleverly ducked a left which was aimed for the jaw. In the break that followed Fitz got in a light upper cut to the face. O'Brien suddenly shot his left to Bob's face and, catching Fitz off his balance, drove left and right to the face and fell into a clinch. Jack was quick. He had Bob missing him by more than a foot at times. Fitz put a right and left to the face, and O'Brien countered with a short arm left as the bell rang.

THIRD ROUND—O'Brien came up laughing and began to josh Fitz. They got to close quarters and Jack easily blocked right and left swings. As O'Brien backed away Bob caught him with a hard left uppercut to the jaw and a moment later shot his left to the face. A hard right swing landed on O'Brien's ear and forced the smile to disappear. The Cornishman then drove a hard left to the solar plexis, and, mixing it, worked his left to Jack's face. Bob followed Jack around the ring, landing a left to the face, O'Brien countering with a hard left to the jaw. Just as the gong sounded the Philadelphian shot a straight left which caught Fitz on the nose and sent him to the floor. It was not a clean blow, however, being more of a push.

FOURTH ROUND—Fitz opened the session by rushing his opponent, missing a terrific swing, the impetus of which nearly put him through the ropes. Bob then went to the center of the ring, and, in a mix-up which followed, O'Brien swung left and right to the face. They came to close quarters. Then, with O'Brien purging away with lefts to the face, Jack forced Fitz nearly through the ropes, and in a rush Fitz fell heavily on his left knee. He was up quickly, and Jack put a stiff left to the face, drawing the blood. Fitz looked worried at this stage, as he found O'Brien a hard man to corner.

FIFTH ROUND—O'Brien planted a left in a hurry to Bob's sore face, and a moment later swung two more lefts to the same place. Bob missed with a left for the head and Jack met this onslaught with another brace of straight lefts to the face, then brought his right over, which drew more gore from the Cornishman's mouth and nose. Fitz tried hard to locate his shifty opponent with right and left swings, and finally caught Jack on the mouth, bringing the blood. O'Brien put in two lefts, but Fitz countered with telling right and left swings to the jaw.

SIXTH ROUND—Fitz missed a left for the jaw and forced O'Brien around the ring in an effort to corner him. Bob put over a crushing left, but the blow was partially blocked. Bob missed right and left swings and they came to a clinch in a corner. Fitz then received two straight left-hand jabs on the face and, after missing right and left swings for the jaw, landed a hard right swing to O'Brien's ear. Jack continued to display wonderful footwork, but eased up on his aggressive style of fighting. Bob missed with a hard right and went to his knees from the force of the missed punch just before the bell rang.

SEVENTH ROUND—They rushed to a clinch, and on the breakaway Fitz missed a right swing by a foot. O'Brien then planted a right over the kidneys and, quick as a flash, worked right and left swings to the jaw. Both men showed a desire to mix it at this stage, but their efforts only resulted in clinches. Bob shot his left to O'Brien's eye, raising a big lump, and the crowd cheered confidently.

EIGHTH ROUND—A clinch opened the round and O'Brien a moment later missed with left and right for the face. Fitz scoring with a left to the face. Fitz then missed with a left, but a moment later worked his left to Jack's jaw. O'Brien was cautioned for holding on. Jack ripped in a nasty left over Bob's right eye and followed it with a stiff right to the jaw which sent Fitz to the floor. Fitz came up apparently groggy. O'Brien drove his left to the body and forced Fitz against the ropes with two hard lefts to the face. Fitz appeared to recuperate toward the close of the session, but went to his corner rather unsteadily.

NINTH ROUND—O'Brien opened with a straight left to the face, which brought the men to a clinch. Jack then hooked his right over the heart and blocked a hard right counter. Fitz missed two lefts for the jaw, which had considerable power behind them. Jack came back with a right to the stomach. Both appeared tired at this stage and Fitz presented a bloody sight. Bob contented himself with trying swinging lefts, which O'Brien easily evaded. Jack then hooked a left to the face, and as the ball rang he nearly raised Fitz off the floor with a right to the jaw. O'Brien had the honors safe up to this stage of the fight.

TENTH ROUND—Fitz was wild with a left swing for a starter. Again a right by Fitz went wild, but this time O'Brien met him with a straight jab to the face. Fitz retaliating with a right over the heart and a left to the face. Jack's clever work appeared to be too much for Bob. Fitz then hooked his right with great force over the heart, forcing O'Brien to clinch. On the breakaway O'Brien whipped a hard right to the jaw, and just before the bell clanged Bob landed two punches over the heart.

ELEVENTH ROUND—O'Brien planted a left to the face, but Fitz came back with two powerful lefts to the jaw and drove Jack to the ropes with a right smash to the face. The crowd went wild at this stage and yelled encouragingly to Fitz. Bob followed his man around the ring. O'Brien then shot two lefts to the jaw and Bob chased the Philadelphian all over the canvas, landing straight left to the face just before the bell. This was Fitz's best round. O'Brien appeared worried as he went to his corner. Bob's rally in this round produced a terrific uproar from the spectators.

TWELFTH ROUND—Jack drove Fitz against the ropes with two lefts to the face. Fitz retaliating with a light left to the face. Bob chased his opponent around, but missed connections several times with lefts. Jack worked in a straight left and started the blood afresh from Fitz's sore mouth. They came to close quarters, Fitz clouting Jack on the jaw with a left, then worked Jack into a neutral corner, where the latter electrified the crowd with some wonderful footwork, during which he sent three lefts to Bob's sore mouth and blocked Bob's counters. O'Brien outpointed Fitz three blows to one in the round, but his blows lacked force.

THIRTEENTH ROUND—Fitz sent O'Brien back with a left swing to the jaw, and a moment later shot a straight left to the face. O'Brien then blocked a nasty blow and sent two left jabs to the jaw as the Cornishman forced him around the ring. In a mixup Fitz drove a fearful right to the body and a terrific hook which caught the Philadelphian on the jaw. Jack, however, retaliated with a right uppercut to the jaw. Both men landed left and right short-arm blows over the heart. It was a stirring round and Fitz appeared to have the advantage, as he went to his corner he suddenly collapsed, falling to the floor. Blood flowed from his mouth and nose and it could be seen he was badly hurt.

A doctor was hurriedly summoned. Fitz was able to rise unassisted shortly after the physician entered the ring. It appeared he was seized with a sudden fainting fit and hemorrhage as his seconds were working over him conditioning him for the next round, when he took his seat after the 13th round had expired.

When Referee Graney saw that Fitz was in such bad condition he immediately awarded the fight to O'Brien.

"I'M CRAZY, LOCK ME UP."

Elmer Edgar, a Youth, Walks 17 Miles to Make His Unusual Request to a Sheriff.

MARIETTA, O., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—"Is this the sheriff's office?" inquired Elmer Edgar as he entered the office of Sheriff C. A. Owen this morning.

"Yes, sir," replied Sheriff Owen.

"Well, I'm crazy and I want to be locked up for safe keeping. My mother and all of the family are afraid of me, and I guess I am crazy," said Edgar, to the surprise of the sheriff. "Yes," continued Edgar, "I walked 17 miles to get here, too."

Upon further questioning Sheriff Owen learned Edgar resided about a mile back of Newport, and came to this city early this morning for the purpose of being locked up as an insane man.

The sheriff placed Edgar in the boy's department of the county jail, and the latter was soon asleep on a cot in his cell. Sheriff Owen is of the opinion that the man has been using a drug which has affected his brain.

SCHWAB HURRIES WORK.

Personally Supervising the Construction of New $12,000,000 Plant at Bethlehem.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Charles M. Schwab had a conference with President Baer and Second Vice-President Henderson of the Philadelphia & Reading company this afternoon. It is said that the talk was in reference to the furnishing of sufficent equipment to the Bethlehem Steel company, as well as to seeing that the material for the new buildings is promptly sent forward.

Tomorrow Mr. Schwab will go to Bethlehem, where he will supervise the beginning of the work on the new $12,000,000 plant, for which foundations are just commenced. This plant will double the size of the present one.

Miss Farrar Sings Before Royalty.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The emperor and empress attended the royal opera this evening to hear Geraldine Farrar of Boston, sing her first Wagnerian role. Miss Farrar having sung hitherto only in French and Italian opera, the emperor expressed a desire to hear her in Wagner before the close of her Berlin engagement. She sang Elizabeth in Tannhaeuser and was given five recalls after the second act and six at the end of the opera.

Railroad Will Appeal Case.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Baltimore & Ohio railroad will appeal from the recent decision of Judge Porter relative to freight demurrage charges in which he held that a railroad company does not have a lien for the collection of such charges after having delivered a consignment into the possession of the consignees.

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GIVES $5,000,000 MORE TO FUND FOR TEACHERS

Mr. Carnegie Increases His Gift of $10,000,000 to Carnegie Foundation.

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Herald Building, Herald Square,
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—It was announced from Boston today that "The Carnegie Foundation," a sum of $10,000,000 given by Andrew Carnegie to provide relief for needy teachers and professors of universities, colleges and technical schools in the United States, Canada and Newfoundland, is to be forthwith increased by the addition of $5,000,000.

At the same time the restrictions which prohibited aid being extended to members of the faculties of sectarian and state-aided institutions, are to be removed, the statement declares.

When Mr. Carnegie, who spent the day at golf, was asked concerning the matter tonight, he sent word that he did not care to discuss the subject.

It is further declared that Mr. Carnegie has announced his willingness to add still another large sum to the "Foundation" should the managers deem such a move essential to its success.

The incorporators of the fund are Nicholas Murray Butler, Alexander C. Humphreys, Henry S. Pritchett, Robert Franks and Frank A. Vanderlip.

CITY TREASURER GETS BIG SUM FOR SALARIES

Delinquent Tax Collector Fulton Turns Over $81,402—Many Funds Are "Running Short."

The sum of $83,402 09 was turned over yesterday to the city treasurer by the delinquent tax collector. Of this amount $68,566 94 is from property taxes and water rents; $1,632 72, the city's share of the 5 per cent penalty levied on delinquent taxes and water rents; $2,232 15, the cost of advertising, and $10,970 28 from schools and special taxes.

This amount will help considerably in the payment of the salaries of city employes the first of January. Despite the fact that hundreds of men in Director Bigelow's department have been laid off since the election the funds of many of the bureaus are almost exhausted and from now until the end of the fiscal year, on January 31, the city government will be in straightened financial circumstances.

Delinquent Tax Collector Fulton's commission on this last collection amounts to $2,502 06.

ARRESTED IN NEW ORLEANS.

Frank M. Edwards Wanted in Pittsburgh Is Caught in Southern City.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Frank M. Edwards was arrested here today as a fugitive from Pittsburgh, Pa., where it is alleged he is wanted for embezzlement of some $1,500 from Ferdinand Kaiser & Co., publishers, and also on the charge of securing $286 from a Pittsburgh bank on false pretenses. This same concern has branches in New York, Chicago and St. Louis.

When Edwards and his wife disappeared from Pittsburgh the police were unable to get any trace of them, so the company put H. H. Newman, the company's bill collector, on the case, and he trailed them through Chicago, St. Louis and to this city, where Edwards secured a job traveling for a mill supply house. Edwards expressed a willingness to return to Pittsburgh.

The Pittsburgh detectives were notified about four weeks ago that Edwards was wanted, but the case was later taken out of the hands of that department.

PUTS BLAME ON MOTORMAN.

Director Moore Will Ask Railways Company to Pay Damages.

Director Moore yesterday received a report from Inspector Werner of the South Side police district on the collision between a street car and patrol wagon on Monday night at South Thirty-fifth and Carson streets. Four policemen and a woman prisoner were injured in the collision; one horse killed and the wagon badly damaged.

Director Moore said the motorman on the street car was at fault and he will ask the Pittsburgh Railways Company to pay for the loss of the horse and the repairs of the wagon. The horse, which had to be shot, was valued at $250, and it would cost $500 to repair the patrol wagon.

Camp Hunt Elects Officers.

The annual election of Camp Captain Alfred E. Hunt, United Spanish War Veterans, was held last night in the camp hall at 416 Wood street. The officers elected were: Commander, George E. Forrest; senior vice commander, D. B. Sullivan; junior vice commander, Joseph E. Sorg; chaplain, S. W. Jefferis; officer of the day, John G. Jordan; officer of the guard, John H. Scott, trustees, J. A. Noffington, W. H. Davis and Dewitt C. Reed.

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CZAR FACES NEW CRISIS

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rinsky's estate has been laid waste by the peasants who plundered and then burned the mansion and other buildings, killed 100 horses, drove off the cattle and carried away the grain. When the Cossacks appeared the disturbance was all over.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20.—The proclamation of a general strike for tomorrow at noon has created the most intense excitement. If it can be successfully inaugurated and maintained the revolutionaries are confident it will break the government's back. In government circles, however, confidence is expressed that the proletariat organizations can not effect a complete tieup and that the strike must be of a short duration.

The police are hunting down and arresting the strike leaders as rapidly as they can be found, but comparatively few captures have been made as the leaders keep in hiding, avoiding their residences and meeting in secret, each time at a different locality.

The helplessness of the government in this crisis demonstrated by the inability of Interior Minister Durnovo last night, to get through instructions to arrest the members of the workmen's council of Moscow. He attempted to use the railroad wires, but the operators obeyed the dictum of the council and refused to send the message. The government is even unable to forward instructions to Gen. Linovitch, commander of the Manchurian army. Five operators in succession on the railroad lines declined to send a cipher dispatch signed by the emperor.

The Moiva in an editorial today says the only possibility of saving the situation is the supression of Premier Witte and Finance Minister Shipoff.

WARSAW, RUSSIAN POLAND, Dec. 20.—Employes of the fire department struck this evening. They demand an increase of salary and refuse to take out the fire engines unless it is granted. The Polish National party has ordered the shopkeepers to remove their Russian signs in order to Polonize the city.

PROPHESIES OWN DEATH.

Louisville Woman Fulfills Prediction Made Years Ago and Often Repeated.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Magdalen Koch Schlembacker died at her home in this city last night under circumstances which appear to amply fulfill a prophesy made by her several years ago and since repeated many times.

For years Mrs. Schlembacker has lived entirely in a chair because of some heart trouble she had, and which she declared would immediately end fatally if she were put to bed. Last night her physician prevailed upon her to allow herself to be put to bed. Mrs. Schlembacker reluctantly agreed and declared as her head touched the pillow: "I'll be dead in 20 minutes." Her prophecy was not far from fulfillment as she died within the hour.

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BUYS OLIVER INTERESTS

W. P. Snyder Takes Holdings in Shenango Co., Including 52,000,000 Tons of Ore.

Reports current yesterday announcing the sale of the Oliver interests in the Shenango Furnace Company to W. P. Snyder were confirmed by Mr. Snyder last night, though the figures of the transaction have not been made public. The sale is one of the largest ever consummated in iron trade circles, and aside from other properties, includes iron ore approximated at 52,000,000 tons.

The Iron Trade Review will today announce the sale, and will include other properties in the transaction, as follows:

"W. P. Snyder has purchased the Oliver interests in the W. P. Snyder & Co.'s and the Shenango Furnace Company's mine in the Mesaba range, St. Louis county, Minnesota, which approximates 30,000,000 tons of ore; a 12,000,000-ton mine in the Marquette range, Dixon county, Michigan; the Oliver interests in 1,200 acres of coal land in the Connellsville district; the Oliver interests in a 10,000-ton freighter, now under construction in Detroit, and the limestone interests of the Olivers."

The announcement of the S. Hamilton Co. on the fifth page this morning will interest every Christmas shopper.

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"Love's Garden," by John Cecil Clay, a beautiful book, illustrated in color, regular price $3.00; our price..... $1.00

"The Conquest of Canaan," by Booth Tarkington, one of the strong novels of the year... $1.08

"A House of a Thousand Candles," full of illustrations, in color..... $1.08

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BURGLARS BUSY ON NORTH SIDE

Several Residences Are Ransacked by Thieves Who Display Much Daring.

THIEF TAKES $756 FROM TRUNKS

Thieves seem to be determined to have a merry Christmas at the expense of the residents of Allegheny. During the past few days any number of houses have either been entered or attempts have been made to force windows and doors open. In a number of instances goods of considerable value have been carried off, and in others the thieves have either been scared away or failed to find anything worth taking.

William Cloughley, a private watchman, reported to the police last night that the residence of the late Henry W. Oliver, in Ridge avenue, had been entered and ransacked from cellar to attic. Entrance was gained through a second-story window, the robbers reaching it by climbing a telephone wire. The pane was broken and the latch thrown back. The house has been vacant for almost two years and nothing remained in it but the furniture and several large trunks filled with clothes, curtains, portieres, rugs, etc. Several silver chests were turned upside don, but it is thought they were emptied before the visit of the burglars. Every drawer in every room was rifled, cupboards were opened and the contents thrown out in heaps on the floor, and the only receptacle of any kind that apparently withstood the assaults of the robbers was a big cedar chest in the attic.

Robbers Enjoyed Themselves.

Watchman Cloughley was walking on Thomas street about 6 o'clock and saw two young men about the rear of the houses near Ridge and Grant avenues. He questioned them and was informed they lived near the head of Thomas street, up which they walked. A few minutes later Cloughley discovered the evidences of house-breaking in the Oliver residence. Policeman Shultz and Detectives King and Einstein went through the building with Watchman Cloughley. The loss, if any, will be investigated today.

Uninhabited houses seem to be preferred by Allegheny thieves, for some of them broke a laundry window in the residence of Robert Fromm, 835 West North avenue, yesterday afternoon, and getting into the house, unlocked a rear door. They were evidently scared away, for when Policeman Shultz passed about 4:30 p. m. he saw the open door and broken window and went in. Nothing seemed to have been disturbed and it is thought nothing was taken. The Fromm family is out of the city.

More boldness was displayed by the thieves who entered the residence of Carl Hemmerle, at 1208 Esplanade street, on Monday evening while the family was at dinner. It was a second-story job and a bedroom window was thrown open after the pillar of a side porch had been climbed bear fashion.

Done Quietly and Quickly.

The work was done quickly and none of the family had any suspicion thieves were in the house until later in the evening when it was discovered a sealskin coat, an ermine stole and an expensive overcoat had been stolen.

Lieut. John Bolland arrested Frank Fraich, a Slav, last night after complaint had been made that $756 had been stolen from the boarding house of David Owles, at 558 Preble avenue. Fraich was a boarder and yesterday morning said he was ill and would not go to work. He remained about the house nearly all day, and when the other five boarders came back for supper they discovered their trunks had been broken open and their savings stolen. The thefts aggregated $756 and suspicion immediately fell upon Fraich. After he had been arrested $785 was found neatly wrapped in a newspaper buried in the back yard. Mrs. Owles had seen Fraich loitering about the yard late in the afternoon and it was suspected he had hidden the roll. It is supposed the balance of the money was kept out for immediate use, as Fraich was buying drinks for himself in a Woods Run saloon when Lieut. Bolland roused him from his dream. He will get a hearing this morning after information has been made against him.

Safety Director Scandrett was at city hall last night and when informed of the series of robberies, he said:

"Well, you can blame this on the controller's office. I had some special officers just to watch vacant houses and prevent such robberies, but Controller Brown compelled me to get rid of them."

WESTERN UNION AIDS RELIEF WORK

Local Officials Instructed to Frank All Messages Relating to Russian Fund Collection.

GAZETTE FUND STILL GROWS

In many practical ways the general committee at New York having in charge the collection of funds from various parts of this country for the amelioration of the Jews in Russia has been assisted, and particularly by the Western Union Telegraph Company. N. E. Church, manager of the local offices of the company, has been notified by E. B. Saylor, the local superintendent, that all messages relating to the collection and forwarding of the fund are to have the privileges of free transportation. The courtesy is one that will be much appreciated by those interested in the gathering of funds, as it will materially reduce the expense and leave just that much more money to be devoted to the aid of the Russian sufferers.

Because he has failed to receive any response to several cablegrams forwarded from here to his mother, Mrs. Josephine Kusfer of Vladivostok, and as there has been recent disorder due to mobs in that city, A. A. Rutis, Persian consul to Pittsburgh, residing at Wilkinsburg, is apprehensive for her safety. Mrs. Kusfer is the owner of considerable property in Vladivostok and had formerly lived in Switzerland.

Steadily the fund established by The Gazette is growing, and the contributions daily received show that the hearts of the people are touched by the stories of the sufferings and sorrows of the victims.

Yesterday the total amount of the fund reached $8,096.68, thus increased by the following contribution:

A. Nachman	$ 5 00
Previously acknowledged	8,091 68
Total receipts to date	$8,096 68

WOMEN UNDER SUSPICION.

Two Are Arrested in Department Store and Detectives Say They Are New York Pickpockets.

Detectives Crooks and Elmore yesterday arrested Emma Brown and Ida Green of New York, as professional pickpockets in a 5 and 10 cent store in Fifth avenue. At the Central station what were said to be photographs of the women were found in a police magazine, and the women will be held for investigation.

There was a man working with the women, and three pocketbooks were stolen yesterday in the store where the women were arrested. Detective Crooks saw the women in Fifth avenue and followed them in the store. Emma Brown is 21 years old and Ida Green 28. Both are good looking women. About $100 was found on the women.

Grace Smith of Buffalo was arrested in Smithfield street, near Fifth avenue, at 6 o'clock last evening, by Detectives McGough and Lally, on suspicion of being a pickpocket. Nothing was found on her to confirm the suspicion but she will be held pending investigation.

ARRESTS COUNCILMAN.

Homestead Solon Is Accused of Striking Watchman for Alleged Criticism of Club.

Councilman John J. Cavanaugh of the Second ward, Homestead, was arrested yesterday on a charge of assault and battery made by Watchman Albert Bennett.

Cavanaugh, who is chairman of the police committee of Homestead council, is a member of the Independent political club. Recently stories have been circulated that it is a Sunday drinking place and speakeasy. It is claimed Cavanaugh blamed Bennett for the story and struck him. Bennett was formerly a patrolman, but was dropped a little time ago.

YOUNG CONSPIRATORS GET LIGHT SENTENCES

Four Men Implicated in Robbery of Telephone Pay Stations Admit They Are Guilty.

David Simon, Charles McMichaels, Harry Patton and Frank D. Coleman, McKeesport, young men alleged to be implicated in the systematic robbery of the pay stations of the Bell Telephone Company throughout Western Pennsylvania, in criminal court yesterday pleaded guilty to charges to defraud the company, and Simon likewise pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny. He was captured in the St. Charles hotel by Perkins detectives while in the act of robbing the money drawer of the telephone there.

Simon was sentenced to serve six months in jail and the others were sent to the Huntingdon reformatory for an indefinite period. W. D. Dunbar, who was indicted with the others on the conspiracy charge, stood trial and was acquitted. The gang has been broken up and no further robberies have been reported.

CHICAGO THIEF IS JAILED.

George Bennett Held for the Larceny of Prof. Mayer's Diamond.

George Bennett, alias "Butch Bradley," of Chicago, was commited to jail yesterday in default of $2,000 bail on a charge of larceny from the person, on information of Prof. William L. Mayer of 212 Charles street, Knoxville, whose $200 diamond stud Bennett is alleged to have taken while they were riding in a Knoxville car, at the south end of the Mt. Washington tunnel.

Prof. Mayer testified that Bennett jostled him about the car, and that one of Bennett's confederates fell against him in the center of the tunnel. Prof. Mayer noticed his stud was missing and followed Bennett and turned him over to an officer. Bennett admitted at the hearing he had served three years in the penitentiary.

CHRISTMAS KOMMERS.

German Technical Society Plans Its Annual Celebration.

The Christmas kommers of the German Technical society of Pittsburgh will be held at the German club, Craft avenue, on Saturday evening. The celebration will be officially opened by the president, C. Merander, and then will come a kommers song by a chorus of the entire society, "Das Deutsche Lied," a baritone solo by A. Burghard, a cornet solo by Dr. C. Buttner, an address in English by O. H. Rosebaum, music by the Philharmonic sextet of the Pittsburgh orchestra, duet for piano and violin by Goczel and Heulis, a vocal duet by Huhn and Kusebauch, and a solo by Herr Scheuer.

Such is the program in brief. A lunch will follow and "The Star-Spangled Banner" will be sung in English.

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Prime Fried Oysters
Cold Slaw Potatoes au Gratin
Rolls and Butter
Coffee
Pie, Pudding or Ice Cream

Potted Beef
Browned Sweet Potatoes
Stewed Tomatoes
Banana Fritters
Rolls and Butter Coffee
Pie, Pudding or Ice Cream

Roast Spring Chicken
Giblet Gravy
Mashed Potatoes Stewed Corn
Rolls and Butter
Coffee
Pie, Pudding or Ice Cream

Roast Young Turkey
Chestnut Filling
Cranberry Sauce Celery
Mashed Potatoes String Beans
Rolls and Butter
Coffee
Brown Betty Pudding or Mince Pie

The fancy, the practical, the modest, the elaborate—all are here, in broader variety than you'll find elsewhere in a day's journey. Best, most intelligent, most courteous, most satisfying service—and fairest prices always. Save time and worry by coming first to HORNE'S.

One of the pleasing features of this Christmas season is to see the family groups that come trooping in to enjoy the evening dinner, then to have a good time shopping.

Another noticeable feature is the number of men who come unaccompanied, and are anxious to have the glory of choosing appropriate gifts without the aid of anyone. More power to them!

Don't overlook the fact that our store is open tonight, and that dinner is served in the restaurant from 5:30 to 8:30 and the cost is only half-a-dollar.

Our menu is changed daily as anyone will have noticed who has kept an eye on the daily bill.

Particular Notice: ***Tomorrow and Saturday Santa Claus will receive from 10 A. M. until the store closes in the evening. All children welcome. He would like to see the children this evening.***

Brass Beds That Are the Best of Their Kind, Together With Mattresses as Good as the Beds.

This is one of the departments that is least thought of in holiday times, yet what would make a finer present from the children of a family to their parents than a handsome brass bed?

Our buyer visits annually the markets of Great Britain, France and Germany, as well as the United States, and is therefore in position to know of and about the brass bed business.

As we sell a great many brass beds in a year we are always in shape to get good prices from the manufacturers, and as we sell on the small profit basis we are always in shape to name low prices.

The same good judgment is shown and the same policy pursued in buying and selling iron beds, mattresses, springs and cribs.

Brass Beds, $22.00 to $100.00.
Iron Bedsteads, full size, $5.00 to $18.00.
Brass Bedsteads, $25.00 to $40.00.
All Iron Springs, full size, $3.75 to $6.00.
Box Springs, $16.00 and $25.00.
Hair Mattresses, $20.00 to $39.50.
Cotton Mattresses, $5.00 to $15.00.

At this latter price, $15.00, our Elastic Cotton Felt Mattresses, the most comfortable and satisfying mattress that ever went on a bed. We make it ourselves and we can vouch for it that it is thoroughly sanitary, serviceable and restful.

Silk Underwear for Women.

If you remembered your aunt or your cousin with something like the following in silk underwear, we venture to say she'd be highly pleased.

Italian Silk Vests.
Italian Silk Underwaists.
The above are shown in white and delicate colors.
Swiss ribbed silk Underwear, $1.00 a garment up to $12.50.
And here's a little bargain for you—
Black Wool Tights, at $2.00 from $2.50.
Ribbed Vests, white and colored, at 75c from $1.75 to $2.25.

Balsam Pine Pillows.

These pillows are liked for their delightful fragrance, by many they are thought to be healthful as well.

However that may be, they are hard to get, as very few stores sell them. These are filled from pine leaves gathered in the New England woods. Covered with cambric slips, 35c each.

On sale in the Fourth Floor, West.

$1.00 Panama Cloth, 60c a Yard.

This material is 50 inches wide; it is all wool, in such staple colors as navy blue, brown, green and black.

We have but five hundred yards to sell at this price, and as our offer goes into effect this evening we don't calculate having much of it left by tomorrow night.

Solid Gold Eyeglass Chains, $2.25.

The regular prices are $2.75 and $3.00.

Hairpin hook or earloop style.

Any style of gold-filled eyeglass chains, 65c each.

Take the above as a gift suggestion, if you will.

CANDLE SHADES

And Electric Bulb Covers.

The most artistic effect of the well-appointed table is attained by means of the dainty shades that are now provided for candles and electric light bulbs. And every new and beautiful variety is here.

Candle Shades with silk petals, at 30c to $2.75.
Candle Shades with silk petals and bead fringe, 50c, 75c, $1.00 and up to $3.00.
Silver Candle Shade Covers, 35c to 75c.
Linings for metal shades of silk fringe, 15c; of bead fringe, 75c.
Candle Lamps, in white or colored tubes, long or short, 35c.
Wax Candles, for above, 25c a pound.
Bead Rings, pink, red, green, white—10 inches, $1.00; 12 inches, $1.25.

Electric Bulb Shades—

Silk shades in the form of flowers, to cover electric bulb, at 65c to $1.25.

In the Furniture Store.

This is to remind you that the furniture department abounds in popularly priced articles that would make splendid gifts. There are Chiffoniers in oak, birdseye maple and mahogany of extra fine construction, with large drawers and French brass hardware, for $15.00. This, of course, is a special price, as we sell these same pieces regularly for $25.00.

Large luxurious mahogany Parlor Rockers, Louis XV. design, artistic inlaid back, arms strengthened with two supports on each side, our special price $5.00—regular value twice that figure.

Decorative Articles for Dens—

We have a large and varied collection of articles that are both useful and decorative for dens, etc., which we are selling for

25 Per Cent Reduction.

Included are Pipe Racks, Shields, Smokers' Sets, Mantel Ornaments, Plaques, Thermometers, Shelves, Match Safes and like novelties.

Candlesticks in Arts and Crafts shapes, with candles and shades, at 75c from $1.50; at $1.15 from $2.25; at $1.75 from $3.50; at $2.50 from $5.00.

A Flurry in Music Rolls.

In the Music Section, West Mezzanine, we are selling Music Rolls for about half price. Coming as it does, a few days before Christmas, this offer is very remarkable.

50c Music Rolls, 25c. 75c Music Rolls, 49c.
$1.00 Music Rolls, 65c. $1.25 Music Rolls, 75c.
And on up to $7.00, the reduction being proportionate.

All music rolls costing over $1.00 will be stamped with the name of recipient, if desired, without charge.

Any one of these rolls filled with music would make a nice gift.

The Complete Book Store.

No time for "lost motion" if you are doing your Christmas shopping now. If you are buying books, you want to find in one place all the books you have planned to give. If you haven't made out your list, you need a book store that is helpful and suggestive in its breadth of stock.

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Those $7.50 Trimmed Hats We Are Selling for $3.50.

Any number of women have profited by this offer within the past week—no doubt you have met them in your rounds of Christmas shopping, but you would never have guessed that the hats they were wearing cost but $3.50.

Well, they're not $3.50 hats—they're $7.50 hats that we are selling for an underprice. Neat, tasteful and stylish—in black and in a variety of colors that will harmonize with the suits that are now in fashion. Made of velvet, chenille and felt and trimmed with the very latest millinery materials.

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Men's Gloves, $1.00, $1.50, $2.25.
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Every sort of gloves for girls and boys.
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Corpulent Lounging Pillows, $1.50.

None of your lean affairs, but pillows filled to the very brim with best grade of silk floss. Really, for lounging pillows, they are monsters.

And a lounging pillow to enable one to lounge correctly must necessarily be large.

These lounging pillows are covered with a cotton fabric having a brocaded background in a lattice-work pattern, this surface overspread with large roses of a very natural appearance.

As a suggestion for a gift to the bachelor man or the bachelor maid, who are owners of dens, the pillows will speak for themselves.

Hockey Shoes and Skates.

How many young people, we wonder, are counting on a gift of a pair of hockey shoes and skates? This combination makes a very popular gift to the boy or girl who likes to skate.

Shoes, $3.50 and $4.00 a pair.
Skates, $1.25 to $4.00 a pair.

Hockey shoes and skates sold in the Athletic Department, East Basement.

Flexible Flyers Just Received.

Best news we've printed for a long while. We sold out last week, notwithstanding our great quantity, and the trick was to get the flyers here on time.

Go at a thing the right way and you'll succeed—the sleds are here.

No sleds for boys and girls so popular as the Flexible Flyer. Three sizes—

No. 1, $2.50; No. 2, $3.00; No. 3, $3.75.

Basement, East side.

Scented Artificial Violets.

For the corsage: Bunches of two dozen Parma violets tied with lavender satin ribbon.

They are artificial, but so natural looking and so sweet scented that you never suspect them.

Put up in dainty Christmas boxes, $1.25.

ASK FOR A RAISE IN SALARY

When you do, be ready to advance a good reason why you should have more pay. You will get it if you can show your employer that your services have increased in value. To increase the value of your service, you must INCREASE YOUR KNOWLEDGE of the work and of business methods, and the best way in the world to learn business is from reading the experiences of others in the

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Thursday, December 21, 1905.

A movement has been started in Allegheny, at last, to change the grades of streets near the river to raise them above ordinary flood stage. This improvement, if made, will be of vast benefit to properties in the flood district. The question is one of cost, which will be great, and of expediency in undertaking so much at one time. These considerations are likely to bring out material opposition.

Removal of the produce commission houses from Liberty avenue has been virtually decided on. This shift will make a marked change in the downtown section of the city. It results primarily from the arrangement to remove the railroad tracks from Liberty avenue, and is almost certain to cause a complete transformation of that thoroughfare. New buildings of a better class will replace those to be abandoned by the produce dealers.

Dispatches from Tokyo report the rising of a bitter anti-German feeling in government circles. The Japanese are beginning to realize more clearly Emperor William's part in connection with the peace terms, especially the czar's obstinacy in refusing any payment of money. A correspondent says: "There are not wanting those who say that if Japan has some day to cross swords again, it will be with the Germans." That is a contingency which now seems remote.

As indicated in these columns several days ago, there is now a state of civil war existing in Russia. It is no longer a series of riotous disturbances. There is no prospect, however, of the conflict being conducted according to the rules of civilized warfare. Already there have been gross excesses on both sides. Every battle partakes of the nature of a massacre, and bodies are mutilated as freely as in any savage welfare. It is the equivalent of scalping the dead.

The Salvation Army, the value of whose work in the community no one questions, has established opportunities on many of the street corners in the downtown section for generous givers to contribute a little Christmas cheer to the worthy poor. Arrangements have been made to distribute such funds so as to aid the largest possible number of needy persons. No inconsiderable sum has been given in this manner already, but much more is needed. Every Christmas shopper today should drop in some coin, however small, to aid this good work.

While the situation at Shanghai is still admittedly unsatisfactory, advices to the British foreign office report the warships in control, and it is not believed there will be any more immediate disorder. The ill-advised action of a British official, in confining native women prisoners in a jail intended for foreigners only, was the cause of the rioting. Now that the mistake has been rectified, further trouble is unlikely. Nowhere is a breach of custom more likely to have far-reaching and unpleasant results than in the orient.

There is an amount of hesitation and maneuvering in connection with the proposed four-year contract for city lighting that indicates the difficulties in the way. Director Bigelow and Controller Larkin have less confidence than usual in their ability to control enough members of council to pass the measure in the interest of the light monopoly. The proffered reduction in price is proof of the extortionate charges of past years, and evidence of the anxiety of the monopoly and its friends to avoid enforcement of the franchise ordinance under which the company operates.

Students and employes of the Pennsylvania College for Women contributed $1,776 yesterday to the endowment fund of $150,000 which must be raised before the end of the month if the college is to continue its work. Several substantial contributions were also received through the chamber of commerce presaging a generous response to the appeal shortly to be issued by the chamber to its members. Each member of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association is to receive a copy of the chamber of commerce resolution, with a request to assist. Competent authorities have termed the college the best of its kind in the middle west, and Pittsburgh certainly cannot afford to have it close its doors for lack of financial support.

There Are Many Good Men.

Exceptionally good men are being discussed for the mayoralty, which gives good promise to the city. Col. A. J. Logan, named by the Independent City party, is a business man of excellent standing. He is too well known to need many words of introduction to the Pittsburgh public. His name has been put forward by a group of business men of such character that it could furnish several attractive candidates from its own number. W. A. Magee, Jr., who has announced for the Republican nomination, has been active in politics, is widely known and has all necessary qualifications for the office.

Among the Independents there has been talk of W. C. Reitz, W. H. Stevenson, W. K. Jennings, John Bindley and others, all gentlemen who could administer the office of mayor creditably. Even among the Democrats, should they determine to nominate a straight Democratic candidate, the discussion turns on some of their most capable men: William J. Brennen, George W. Guthrie and John B. Larkin. In this wide range almost everyone might be suited with one candidate or another. The question to be decided is whether any one of them can command the support of a majority of all of the voters. Extensive discussion is wholesome and we believe the final result will be a vast improvement over the present administration and control.

The Coming Indian.

On March 4 next the dissolution of Indian tribal governments takes place, according to existing laws, which means the discontinuance of government support of the tribal schools, of which there are over 500. Special action by congress at the present session is necessary if these schools are to remain open, and in view of what has already been done for Indian children along the line of education, it is to be hoped congress will make the desired provision. According to latest reports the United States, exclusive of Alaska, contains about 270,000 Indians, of whom 50,000 are able to read and write. Of course many more possess a conversational knowledge of English. About 170,000 wear the original garb of their forefathers and evince little desire for the refinements of civilization. The government and mission schools contain some 30,000 Indian children and the tribal schools 10,000. The primary education afforded by these schools is excellently adapted to the peculiar needs of the pupils. It is recognized most of them, even before attaining maturity, must be self-supporting, and the instruction given is of the most practical nature. The closing of the schools would deprive a large number of the nation's juvenile wards of educational advantages the very time when they can best be utilized.

The government's policy is to wean the Indian from tribal relations as rapidly as possible. The Indian possesses better qualifications for citizenship than many an immigrant upon whom the responsibility is thrust at the earliest moment allowed by law. Under the general allotment act of 1887, "every Indian born within the territorial limits of the United States who has voluntarily taken up within those limits his residence, apart from any tribe of Indians, and has adopted the habits of civilized life, shall be a citizen of the United States and entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities of such citizens." Thus it is especially important to look after the education of the rising generation of Indians, a very large proportion of whom can be made into useful citizens of the republic.

Trolleys for Aristocrats.

If there be any truth in the reported intention of a Chicago street car company to put in service a line of cars "de luxe" for its more aristocratic patrons, charging a fare of 10 cents, for which sum a comfortable seat will be guaranteed to everyone, an interesting experiment is promised. In London or most cities on the continent the idea might prove successful. The management, according to a correspondent, trusts the idea will appeal to the "higher classes." This statement is enough to kill it at the outset. There are no "classes" in this country. Numerous attempts have been made to draw artificial lines, but they have ended in failure.

How about the Pullman cars on the railways? will be asked. Is there not discrimination here, superior service being presented for those who can pay the price? The case is hardly a parallel one. The day coach is not a comfortable vehicle in which to travel a great distance. Neither does it afford sleeping accommodations. For this reason the Pullman, in a large number of cases, is a necessity. With street cars it is different. The company proposes to charge its patrons double fare and give them seats, which they should have for the regular fare only. It may be doubted whether there are a sufficient number of persons of "aristocratic" tastes in Chicago, or any other large American city, to support a line of "de luxe" street cars. The American likes to mingle with his fellows. He is not often "exclusive." At least he is rarely willing to pay two prices for exclusiveness. And 5 cents is enough, anyway, for a seat and satisfactory service.

An Exceptional Case.

A locomotive engineer was committed to an asylum for the insane in New York the other day. At the hearing members of his family testified that they had long suspected his condition and that for at least six months he had been acting strangely. His judgment seemed to be seriously affected. He was irritated by the most insignificant occurrences. At times he was unable to finish a sentence coherently and gave other manifestations of an unsound mind, or at least of one on the verge of a breakdown. Yet all this time he was running fast trains almost daily. His condition finally became so noticeable his removal was ordered, and then medical examination disclosed the fact he was not fit to be outside the asylum.

Several commentators on the incident have pictured the dangers to the traveling public from "permitting insane engineers to continue on duty." Of course such talk is nonsense. No body of men are under more rigid scrutiny than locomotive engineers. They are selected, in the first place, for their possession of qualities of nerve and steadiness. During the whole period of their active service they are under the most careful supervision. It is required their habits shall be such as to insure their fitness for any emergency. Their work admittedly imposes the severest strain upon the nervous system, and some succumb, but not more than in other occupations. The man in the cab is far above the average in poise and resources, and the majority of accidents cannot be attributed to any failure on his part. An exceptional case has given rise to some unjust generalizations.

Mr. Graham's Bill.

In the full text of the immigration bill of Representative William H. Graham there are more virtues than appeared in the telegraphic summary. The bill is good in its definition of persons who ought not to be admitted, being in this respect a great advance over existing laws. The duty of $10 imposed is not to establish a qualification for admission, but to defray the expense of administering the provisions of the act. On this ground it will not be objected to.

By reference to the full text it is found there is specific provision that persons charged with purely political offenses are not to be excluded, unless those offenses include belief in assassination, opposition to all government, etc., opinions inconsistent with useful citizenship in this country. It will be noted, however, the provision for diplomatic inquiry of foreign authorities would tend to expose political suspects and their intention to emigrate. This defect can easily be remedied.

What may be called the distribution clause, will need some amendment. It is desirable to distribute immigrants where they are most needed, but the abrupt language of the bill would render liable to prosecution any alien who should, for good reasons, remove from the place where he declared his intention to reside. This can be remedied. The Gazette has said it is better to err for awhile on the side of too much restriction than to continue in error on the other side. On the whole, Mr. Graham's bill offers valuable features for consideration.

Canal Salaries.

Reconsideration of the confirmation of members of the Panama canal commission probably indicates another attack on the administration and a further threshing over of the question of salaries. It may appear to some of the senators that canal salaries should not exceed the stipends paid to honorable members of congress and cabinet officers, but any fair grasp of the problem must lead to a different conclusion. The attack centers on Chairman Shonts and Secretary Bishop, the nomination of the latter being sent in yesterday.

Construction of the Panama canal is a gigantic task, the largest piece of engineering work ever undertaken. It affords temporary employment, only, to the men engaged on it. It will require the highest order of ability to carry it forward satisfactorily and economically. In the end the men who accomplish this great work will have no such reputations as if engaged in a private enterprise of similar magnitude, and they will be left to seek other employment. Their work will be more difficult than any private work, for nothing can free them from the red tape inseparable from government work. If the senate is to pursue a policy of obstruction, harassment and character assassination in addition, the prospect will not be attractive, whatever salaries may be allowed. There are more creditable ways in which the senate could indulge any pique it may feel over the popularity, or aggressiveness of President Roosevelt.

The Russian situation has now reached the acute stage where experts are speculating on what country Nicholas will flee to. There are not sufficient latchstrings on exhibition to provide a wide range of choice.

London approaches Christmas with thousands of her inhabitants in want of food and shelter, and the threat of a Yuletide poem from Alfred Austin.

Latest reports say young Mr. Hyde will "spend his declining days in France," although hitherto he has never been known to decline anything.

Now a Denver woman advertises she will not be responsible for any debts her husband may contract in her name. Sweet are the uses of advertising.

Mme. Bernhardt is to perform in a tent in Texas, but it is understood there will be only one ring and no peanuts and pink lemonade.

Berlin's eccentric conductor, who refuses to turn his back to his audiences, may be afraid to face the music.

The shops this year are showing a mechanical toy policeman which looks almost lifelike enough to be rude.

In order to bolster up his waning reputation for rashness and daring, King Alfonso rushes into matrimony.

Indications are the Empty Stocking club will have fewer members than ever this year.

Three more days of shopping and then two days in which to recover.

QUIET OBSERVATIONS ON WAYS OF WORLD

There Are Others, So What's the Use of Feeling Lonesome.

By ERASMUS WILSON.

"If a teacher dared to open her mouth, or write a line for the papers, she would say that all teachers are willing to trade their jobs for places as helpmates to good men.

"And futhermore, when the aforesaid good man comes along she will throw up her job and go with him whether the directors, principal, or anybody else objects or not.

"Woman was made to marry, and that is what she will do in spite of any rules or regulations you can get up. While waiting for her affinity to appear she may teach, or clerk, or do anything becoming, but that is only to put in the time until he comes.

"Mr. Quiet Observer, these are the cold facts in the case, disguise them as you will."

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There is a sort of earnest, womanly ruggedness about the letter, of which the above is a part, that leads one to believe the old-fashioned, practical woman is not extinct; or rather, that there are young women now on earth who will develop into just as good women as our mothers were, which is about as much as any man can be expected to say.

Some women are perfect fools about marriage, being willing to rush into it with any fellow who has the price of a diamond ring, and will promise to do many nice things, most of which he knows he never will try to do.

But not all women are foolish, not by a whole lot, and for that reason we find a great many teaching, clerking and working in various capacities, but all waiting for the same thing, a husband. And it is perfectly right that they should work and wait, for that is according to the original plan.

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When you come to think of the number of teachers scattered over the broad land, and the amount of good they can do, and are doing, we ought to feel very kindly toward them.

Were people against the government, as they are in Russia at present, what a lot of trouble these teachers could make.

Just think of what might happen to Punxsutawney if the 522 teachers in Clearfield county should turn against the place. Superintendent Tobias and the state constables quartered in the town couldn't save it, for when women will they will, you know.

Should such a condition arise the groundhogs would desert their dug-outs as rats desert doomed ships, for they are wise, far-seeing animals, and have more and better sense than to snarl at women and to speak of them as poor, weak things.

Fortunately for Punxsutawney, the Kissky valley, and everywhere, the teachers are docile, loyal and loving, particularly loving, for which reasons they make all the better wives.

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"Why do you waste so much space on the silly letters sent you by old maids and old bachelors?" asks a Brownsville correspondent.

"These write you just because they can't find anybody who will listen to their talk. You know well enough that every one of them would marry if they had half a chance. That fellow, 'Bachelor,' put up a great bluff, but that is all it was. He just hasn't the nerve to talk to a woman, and a man without nerve would make a poor stick of a husband, don't you think?"

Possibly that is what is the matter with "Bachelor," but it appears that there are others, and that some of these belong to the other side of the house.

And then diffidence is not always a sign of weakness, so that it is possible that a diffident fellow like "Bachelor" might make a strong and altogether competent husband.

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Mr. Quiet Observer—Did you ever have a pet idea which you thought no one else had?

Then, did you ever find out that there were others who possessed the same idea?

Well, that is just the way I felt when I read "Bachelor's" article in your column.

Our ideas are the same; of course mine are the feminine version. Our tastes are the same, with the same allowance for personality. It may be because we are both college-bred that we have the same notions.

I have the same antipathy to callers (one at a time) as our friend has to being the only caller.

Do not think that I do not like callers. I like to entertain a crowd of people, but when it comes to one lone man I confess that I have some misgivings. Two people cast on their own resources can say the most inane and senseless things, or at least it seems that way to me.

The custom of solitary callers seems to have gotten a grip on my friends here, while I was absent in college. When I returned it was well established.

As for subjects for conversation, I used to say to a friend of mine "Well, Dorothy, what do you find to talk about?"

She told me the weather, the next dance, the latest books, the last play, etc. I always thought that the first theme was about exhausted at the start, but Dorothy assures me that it contains fine possibilities.

The "gold-tipped arrow" phrase expressed the idea very clearly. The fact is as deplorable as it is true, but nevertheless I think there are many girls who do not think so much of the gold tip to the arrow.

For my part I want the man who is destined to be my husband, if such a mortal exists, to have good ancestors and clean morals. I have been taught to regard a man for his moral worth and not for the abundance which he possesses. I would not marry wealth unless the man had the right kind of a character.

I have been told many times that I have more head than heart. If this is true, it accounts for a great many things peculiar to myself.

Tell "Bachelor" for me to take heart of grace, and that there are others who think as he does.

Am I also a class by myself, or am I a type?

KINDRED SPIRIT.

Beaver, Pa.

Sterilizing of Railroad Cars.

The Chicago limited over the Erie railroad now leaves Jersey City every day a completely and thoroughly sterilized train. A device has been perfected by Chemist Landon of the mechanical department by which all the cars on this vestibuled train are thoroughly sterilized at Jersey City after each round trip between Jersey City and Chicago, a run of about 2,000 miles. We are very likely to see that sterilizing of railroad trains will be "the" thing in a short time with all railroads.—Reading Times.

The Scale of Laughter.

Laughter in "eh" denotes the melancholy temperament. To laugh in "oh" denotes a generous, hardy and determined nature. But those whose laughter gives the sound of the French "u" are misanthropes, hypocrites, and misers, while laughter in "ee" is the property of children and simple-minded persons. This going about fun with infinite seriousness should help some.—New York Tribune.

The Real "Intense" Life.

The dispatches report that when Bernhardt came out from the Hyde dinner yesterday, she said: "Be careful and don't step on my dress." Then the reporters "lifted their hats." How intense! —Buffalo Commercial.

WRESTLING WITH THE BRIDGE PROBLEMS

Board Views Kinetograph Illustrations of Moving Platform With Stations.

By FRANK A. PARKER.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A moving platform loop, with stations at different parts of Brooklyn, extending to the North river in Manhattan, was the solution of the bridge problems presented to the special meeting of the board of estimate, held today, to consider the plans of the bridge department for terminals for the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges. After hearing addresses, in opposition to the plans of the bridge department, the board adjourned to the governor's room, where the moving platform people had prepared a kinetograph illustration of the moving platform system. The board referred the original plans back to the bridge department with instruction to reconsider them in the light of the views expressed at the hearing, and to report as soon as possible.

J. Edward Swanstrom, who led the opposition, criticised Commissioner Best's plans as out of date and useless. He declared that conditions that prevail at the present terminal of the bridge have stopped Brooklyn's development. "I do not know who the genius is who has prepared these plans to perpetuate this monstrosity," he said, "but whoever he is, he needs a long rest in a sanitarium."

Mr. Swanstrom said he believed the city should compel the Manhattan and Brooklyn railroad systems to enter into a traffic agreement, and connect the bridge traffic with the Third avenue elevated line. Mr. Grout asked how such an agreement could be brought about or forced upon the railroad companies.

Sculptor Works in Lion House.

Within the portals of the lion quarters at the Bronx zoo Albert Humphreys, sculptor, is making his studio. There he has found inspiration among the animals, who not only pose for him, but have come to know him as a friend. He has already completed 25 studies of lions, tigers, cougars, leopards and other beasts of the "wild." One of the most interesting subjects in the lion house and a special pet of the sculptor, is Ranee, a Bengal tigress, presented to the zoo by Charles T. Barney. Ranee knows Mr. Humphreys well, and in her Bengal tongue always greets him with a tiger-like "how are you today." At first sight of the artist Ranee was inclined to be ferocious, and made several rushes at him from the recesses of her cage. Gradually, however, the tigress became attached to the sculptor, and no longer growls angrily.

Too Much Realism in This.

Too much realism caused the arraignment of Lillian M. Cherry in the Jefferson Market court today. Miss Cherry described herself as a "literary person," basing her claim on the fact that she was gathering material for a story on "How easy it is to steal in a big department store." She was arrested while making a test of her theory in a Sixth avenue establishment. When searched in an inner office she was found to be generously burdened with "literary material." The articles included one night dress, one corset cover, two veils, two collars, three ties, one locket, five handkerchiefs, one paper of pins, one polisher, one box of handkerchiefs, 14 postal cards, one spoon, four bolts of ribbon, one piece of lace.

No Christmas Gift This Time.

Joseph Reynolds, who, nominally, is an embroidery designer, but who spends most of his time in prison, received his seventh sentence in the court of general sessions today, when he was sent to Sing Sing for 10 years for grand larceny in the first degree. Reynolds already has served 27 out of his 47 years of life in prison for the crimes of grand larceny and burglary, and the like. Four years ago Judge Newburger suspended sentence as a Christmas gift, as the man pleaded to have a chance to be a better man. There was no Christmas gift for him this time.

Stray Bullet Strikes Boy.

Fourteen-year-old David Zank of 301 Bedford avenue, Williamsburg, is in a serious condition at his home, from a pistol shot wound under the left eye. Who shot him is not known. The boy was escorting a married sister home last night, and as they were crossing South Third street at Bedford avenue, young Zank screamed and fell. It was found he had been shot and he was sent to the Eastern District hospital. After the wound was dressed Zank's parents took him home. The police are looking for the person who fired the shot.

'Change Seats Still Going Up.

Arrangements have been made for the transfer of a New York stock exchange membership at $90,000, a new high record price. A month ago records began to be broken in exchange memberships when a seat sold at $85,000. Early last week a sale was made at $88,000, and on Saturday another sale took place at $89,000. General prosperity and largely increased stock market speculation is assigned as the cause for the advance.

Pittsburghers in New York.

The following Pittsburghers are registered at the New York hotels:

Waldorf-Astoria.
W. J. Morris.

Manhattan.
W. K. Dunlap,
W. B. Jutte,
N. B. Jutte,
J. K. Foster.
Miss L. L. Bigelow,
E. M. Bigelow,
W. M. Orr.

Fifth Avenue.
Mrs. W. C. Drill,
Miss H. Drill,
C. M. Budd,
E. K. Bennet.

Algonquin.
N. Mendelsohn,
Mrs. Mendelsohn.

Martha Washington.
S. Hillman.

Savoy.
I. Kaufmann.

Astor.
R. D. Devolf.

Gregorian.
H. C. Bughman.

Collingwood.
F. C. Ewart.

Broadway Central.
W. H. Reer,
D. Rubenstein.

New Amsterdam.
J. F. Wehn.

Victoria.
C. G. Schade.

Hoffman.
J. C. McKim.

Breslin.
E. J. Edwards,
S. Kelgnley,
O. H. Bateman.

Imperial.
A. Schotte,
G. T. Richards.

Holland.
H. W. Nutt,
A. P. McCord,
W. L. Mellon,
S. M. Byers,
H. H. Robinson,
H. Darlington, Jr.,
H. C. Bughman, Jr.,
P. A. Lang,
W. B. Scalfe.

Herald Square.
L. F. Adelmare,
F. S. Stedman.

Normandie.
J. C. Jackson,
Mrs. Jackson.

Hotel Astor.
C. O'Day,
Mrs. O'Day,
C. F. Dickinson,
W. J. Chase.

Union Square.
Mrs. J. L. Burke,
B. L. Harding.

Affliction Not Peculiar to Kansas.

It seems to be as hard to convict a jointist in Kansas City, Kan., as it is in Wichita. As a rule in such joint cases it isn't so much a question of the defendant's guilt as keeping the prosecution from proving it.—Topeka Journal.

The Enthusiastic Response.

A western paper is asking its readers what they would do if they had $1,000,000 to spend at Christmas. And the enthusiastic response is "Send on the million and we'll show you."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Christmas Gift to Provoke a Smile.

A million dollar railroad yard is a Christmas gift for Hollidaysburg that should cause every citizen of that borough to smile out loud.—Altoona Gazette.

Something Equally Efficient.

Electricity, it is said, can make memory a blank. So can a summons to the witness stand.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

RAILWAY BUILDING IN CHINESE EMPIRE

Opposition of Mandarins and Working Classes—Comparisons and Railway Mileage.

Considerable activity in railway building among the Chinese is reported by Consul Haynes of Nankin. After describing the early efforts of Europeans to establish railroads, and the difficulties with which they were met, reasons for the opposition offered by mandarins and working classes are assigned or suggested. The possibilities of the Chinese empire are referred to, and present conditions are contrasted with those of the United States. China has one mile of railroad to each 130,000 inhabitants, while this country has one to every 360 inhabitants. All Asia in 1900 had only 30,000 miles for nearly one-half of the world's population, while the United States, with less than 80,000,000 souls, had 220,000 miles. Coal, when carried overland in China, costs as much as 50 cents a ton a mile, while the cost in this country, in some cases at least, is less than 1 cent. Concessions are constantly being made and are constantly changing hands. Lines are being finished and projected so fast that writers find it hard to keep pace with the movements. The report is full of such information as is needed to furnish one a good idea of what is going on in that part of the east which is destined to play a most important part in the industrial and commercial world. Consul Haynes writes as follows:

First Construction.

"The construction of the first railway in China was due to the enterprise of a few European residents in the Shanghai district, who combined to form a company with the object of constructing a line between Shanghai and its outer roadstead at Woosung. The distance is only 12 miles, and the line was narrow gauge. The history of this undertaking is instructive. Opposition to the scheme was manifested by the mandarin class from the outset, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that the strip of land required was obtained. As most of the district traversed was purely agricultural the differences raised were fewer than would have otherwise been the case. The work was finished and the railway opened on June 30, 1876. Contrary to expectation, the attitude assumed by the natives was one of friendly curiosity. They flocked to the railway in greater numbers than could be conveyed. But the management had not reckoned with the mandarin. It is related that after a breakdown, in which two goods trains collided, the mandarin proposed that the debris should be left as it was and the road constructed round the wreckage.

Power of the Mandarin.

"A coolie, who had been bribed by the offer of a handsome payment to his family, walked in front of the train and was cut to pieces. Demands were forthwith made by the Chinese officials that the driver of the engine should be given up to them on the life for life principle. A lengthy correspondence ensued, and the mandarin, finding no impression could be made on the railway people, worked on the feelings of the native population so as to cause them to remain in a state of incipient revolt against the new mode of progression. It was just when the attitude of the people began to cause uneasiness in the British settlement that the Chinese government offered to buy the railway, and acting on the advice of Sir Thomas Wade, the British minister at Pekin, the railway company accepted the offer on the understanding that the Chinese should continue to work the line, which, despite the organized opposition, was being largely patronized by the natives. The transfer was accordingly made, and the mandarin ran the trains for a while, when suddenly, without any reason or formal notice, the rolling stock was put on board a couple of steamers and sent to Formosa, while the rails were pulled up and thrown into the sea. A few years later, however, the road was reconstructed. Its control was taken over from the Chinese Imperial Railway administration and invested in the board of commissioners of the Shanghai-Nankin railway in October of last year. Such opposition has its reason. On the rivers the army of trackers may be thrown out of work; while traditional objection to mining and indeed to every industry but agricultural prevents the superabundant population finding employment in the many new enterprises which steam communication would inevitably open up were the restrictions that now forbid all enterprises of the kind removed.

Comparisons and Mileage.

"The United States and China, the two great continental countries lying in the temperate zone, are both ideal lands for gigantic systems of railways, but while the former has one mile of railway for every 360 inhabitants, China has about a mile for every 130,000 inhabitants. It was stated in 1900 that there were 30,000 miles of railway in Asia, two-thirds of which belonged to British India.

"The Trans-Caspian and Trans-Siberian railway accounted then in its unfinished state for 3,200 miles, Japan had 3,200 miles, French Indo-China 120 miles, but in Cochin China, Anam and Tonkin they were soon to have 2,400 miles. Java had 1,000 miles, Turkey in Asia 1,500 miles finished and 600 projected or under construction, and Russia was to join Astrakhan to the general Russian railway system, while China at that time had only 300 miles completed and owned by the government, which it was stated was very remunerative, and European syndicates had obtained concessions for 3,600 miles of railway in China, the construction of which is already well advanced. These will traverse regions rich in minerals and agricultural products. The splendid waterways afford great facilities for transit, and China is better supplied with waterways, both natural and artificial, than any other country in the world, except, perhaps, Holland, but away from them carriage by land is often expensive. It sometimes costs 50 cents a ton a mile to take coal by land in China, while in Great Britain the cost is from 1 to 2 cents a mile a ton, and in the United States half a cent for the same distance. The coal fields in China have been laid down on a grand scale. To instance only one, that of Shansi, with from 15 to 40-foot seams, has a continuous field of 13,500 miles in area equal to the best Pennsylvania anthracite. There is also a rich bituminous deposit in the same province. So that in the mere carriage of coal there should be a fine future for railways outside of passenger traffic, freight trains and market produce."

Belated Twinges of Conscience.

One member of the legislature has got ahead of the railroads by returning the annual pass sent him almost a year ago. A peculiar feature about his sudden impulse is that he never thought of it until the pass was about to expire.—Connellsville News.

IN SHOPPING DAYS.

Mother, dear mother, come home with me now,
The clock in the steeple strikes six;
You said you would finish your shopping by five,
Pet, mother, you're up to old tricks.

Father, poor father, stands over the stove,
The sweat from his troubled brow pours;
The neighbors have pulled all the window shades down,
They're frightened by poor father's roars.

Mother, dear mother, come home with me, please,
Poor father has burned up the steak,
He's frying the coffee and baking the cream
And stirring the soup with a rake.

Mother, dear mother, please, mother, come home!
The baby's forgotten your face.
Poor father has asked me to act as your guide,
He fears you can't find the old place.
—Milwaukee Journal.

STORIES FOUND IN THE LOBBIES

Interesting Happenings Concerning the People Who Are Traveling.

The railroad stations took on the first interesting appearance yesterday and last night in the rush incident to the holiday travel. Thousands of near-town Christmas shoppers came to the city to load themselves down with good things for Santa Claus to carry around in his pack next Monday morning. The suburban trains were all well laden with passengers, while the through trains also carried a large number of outgoing and incoming passengers than has been the case for the past couple of weeks. The arrival and departure of school and college students were features of the travel, especially the schoolgirls, who made impressions by their happy spirit of home-going or home-coming. On the St. Louis limited there came in from the east about 30 girls from the eastern colleges.

The express traffic has become something stupendous. At the Union station last night there were 20 express trucks and three baggage trucks on the platform. This made the arranging of passengers in the sleeping cars of the Philadelphia special a tedious job. They had to worm their ways through the labyrinth. Conductors also had a hard time booking them and dodging the passing trucks. The express traffic at the Baltimore & Ohio, Pittsburgh & Lake Erie and Wabash stations is also exceedingly heavy. The express men said that the traffic is far heavier than in former years, but the companies expected this and provided extra men, wagons and trucks.

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Studying American Trade Schools.

Pittsburgh may have another educational institution within the next couple of years. This will be a school in which the various trades will be taught to fit young men for life work as artisans. The matter will probably be taken up by the Builders' Exchange league of Pittsburgh. E. J. Bierman of Berin, who was instrumental, with others, in establishing the trade schoo idea in Germany, is spending a few days in Pittsburgh in a study of conditions. Since the trade school idea was given a foundation in Germany there have been 3,000 schools established, and these have turned out upward of 300,000 students. Mr. Bierman says that the education of the trade school has materially reduced the emigration of Germans.

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Returning from Coast Mission Work.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Wilson, an Episcopalian minister of New York, passed through Pittsburgh last evening on his way home from a trip to the far west. He spent several hours with Pittsburgh friends. Dr. Wilson says he spent seven weeks pleasantly and successfully in Colorado, Washington and British Columbia in the interest of the Christian Missionary Alliance.

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F. J. Torrance Goes to Washington.

Francis J. Torrance left for Washington last night on the Pennsylvania.

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New Year's Ball.

Handsome invitations have been sent out by James Riley, proprietor of the Hotel Schenley, for his second annual New Year's ball and supper, to be given at the Schenley on Monday evening, Jan. 1. The custom of keeping open house for the many friends of the Schenley and its clever proprietor was inaugurated by Mr. Riley last New Year's day and was such a decided success that he made a resolve to keep the custom up regularly hereafter.

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Cornell Man Here.

Prof. V. Karapetoff of Cornell university and Mrs. Karapetoff are the guests during the holidays of Mrs. Karapetoff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gillmore, in South Craig street. Prof. Karapetoff is the head of the experimental electrical engineering laboratory work at Cornell.

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Arrivals at the Hotels.

Newell—N. L. Hoover, DuBois; James McCoach, Sistersville; H. J. Porterfield, Oil City; C. C. Pferdt, Seward; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Fisher, Greensburg; Thomas Gartlan, Parkersburg.

Fort Pitt—L. P. Richards, Brownsville; W. L. Addison, Waynesburg; F. M. Minninger, Youngstown; E. R. Grade, Oil City; J. L. Prugh, Somerset; H. P. Edelberge, Punxsutawney.

Lincoln—C. W. Welty, Wheeling; L. C. Williams, Cleveland.

Griswold—F. D. Marsh, Weston; T. G. Blair, Morgantown; J. C. Sutton, Zanesville; C. B. Alexander, Clearfield.

Henry—W. A. Clayton, Beaver Falls; J. M. Jameson, Morgantown; H. M. Sweeney, Oil City; W. A. Coulter, Greensburg; W. M. Mail, Salem; C. A. Lands, Newcomerstown, O.; H. H. Peters, Latrobe.

Boyer—P. E. Morris, Grove City; H. P. Meese, California; G. S. Bredin, Sisteraville; Thomas D. Williams, Connellsville; John Maley, Greensburg; A. M. McHenry, Indiana.

Anderson—J. B. King, Youngstown; F. J. Behan, Rochester; C. A. Henry, Connellsville, E. L. Davidson, Parkersburg.

Monongahela—J. B. Williams, Johnstown; W. A. Osborne, Canton; P. E. Brady, Steubenville; G. W. Campbell, Normalville; T. B. Diltz, Greensburg; T. C. Kenney, Scottdale.

Antler—J. F. Conway and S. M. Casterline, Fairmont; John P. Hagan, Uniontown; J. D. O'Reilly, East Liverpool, O., R. J. Hustead, Youngstown; T. Appleton, Wheeling.

Seventh Avenue—Henry Johnson, Punxsutawney; William Shaffer, Salem; Thomas Martin, Coshocton; B. W. Hamilton, Marietta, O.; J. L. Wadsworth, Butler.

Colonial—Thomas Jordan, Latrobe; B. T. Patton, New Castle; J. W. Rodgers, Erie; John Howard, Kittanning; J. Corey, Meadville; C. F. Randolph, Franklin.

Duquesne—W. G. Price, Butler; J. H. Wilson, Washington; J. W. Kiesker, Greensburg; C. L. Homer, Vintondale; Paul Jerop, Ellsworth.

Schenley—John C. Douglass, Chattanooga; William W. Bierce and wife, Louisville, Ky.; Charles Ormrod Parser, Cleveland.

Journalistic.

The Pittsburgh Herald, the lively daily published in the East End, yesterday issued a souvenir number, combining with it a souvenir edition commemorating the completion of "Greater Frankstown avenue," the thoroughfare recently widened. The issue is complete in every respect. It is a commendable typographical production and is filled with interesting matter and cuts about that section of the city which contains many thousands of residents and a rapidly growing business community.

IT IS TO SMILE.

This life would bring me few regrets
If I could see its struggle out
With cash to pay my daily debts
An' not enough to fight about.
—Washington Star.

"What is the matter, darling?" asked the concerned mother when her small son came to her in tears.

"Well, you see, mummy, daddy was hanging a picture, and he dropped it and it fell on his toe."

"But that is nothing to cry about," cried the mother, cheerily; "you should have laughed at that, sonny."

"I did, mummy," responded her small son, regretfully.—London Globe.

"Young man, you should be ashamed to light that cigar."

"Well, to tell the truth, I am, but it's the best I can afford."—Smart Set.

Euclid was boasting of his prowess.

"So glad," cooed his wife. "Can you figure what to spend on something so that it shall equal, to a cent, what somebody is going to give me, when I don't know what either is?"

But the great man hastily departed, muttering something about a forgotten engagement.—New York Sun.

A case was being tried on the charge of selling impure whisky. The whisky was offered in evidence. Jury retired to try the evidence.

Judge (presently)—What is the verdict?

Foreman of the Thirsty Jury—Your honor, we want more evidence.—San Francisco News Letter.

"And what's wrong with this patient?" inquired the visitor in the asylum, as they paused before a cell in which stood a wild-eyed woman with an armful of bundles.

"This is a sad case," replied the attendant. "She is afflicted with shoplifting. She imagines she is doing her Christmas shopping. We have to give her a new lot of bundles every day to satisfy her."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

INDEPENDENTS TO MEET TOMORROW

Committee Will Not Nominate Until After the Democratic Convention.

LOGAN IS FORMALLY NOTIFIED

"We will go slow. We will at least not do anything until after the Democratic convention next week," said W. C. Reitz, chairman of the committee of independents appointed yesterday to receive suggestions for candidates for mayor. The committee, however, will meet tomorrow night for organization and to enter into a preliminary discussion of candidates.

The members of the committee appointed by Dr. J. P. Shaw, chairman of the independent organization, are as follows: W. C. Reitz, chairman, thirty-fifth ward; Dr. H. B. Burns, eleventh ward; Thomas S. Brown, fourteenth ward; W. S. Wakefield, nineteenth ward; Jacob Soffel, Jr., thirty-second ward; Charles Sahner, twenty-seventh ward; Robert L. Smith, twenty-first ward.

It is generally conceded that if George W. Guthrie does not get the independent party nomination he will not be a candidate. The independents believe that if Mr. Guthrie is not given their nomination that he will not run on the Democratic ticket alone.

The Democratic city convention will be held next Tuesday, but no nomination is expected to be made then. In all probability the selection of a nominee will be placed in the hands of a committee of which W. J. Brennen will be chairman, and the committee will be empowered to consult with Director Bigelow concerning a fusion candidate.

Larkin as Fusion Candidate.

Controller Larkin seems most likely to be the candidate. The controller's own statements yesterday indicated strongly that he has no hopes of securing the independent party nomination for either Mr. Guthrie or himself. When asked why he was not taking any part in the deliberations of the independents at the Monongahela house he replied:

"The real independents are the Democrats, and when the real independents reach the point where they will do something and put up a real independent candidate you will find me with them."

"Is it true, controller, that you will take the Democratic nomination if Mr. Guthrie does not take it?"

"I won't discuss the mayoralty question with you at all," said the controller.

Councilman C. W. Helmold called upon the controller yesterday and said that, while he was still for Director James W. Clark for mayor, Larkin is his second choice. Dr. J. P. Shaw, chairman of the Independents, gave Controller Larkin a hot shot.

Hot Shot for Larkin.

"I supported Larkin for controller, but I am not for him for mayor," he said. "He was elected by the people to serve as controller and not in any other office. Larkin's attitude is one of base ingratitude. Those of us in the independent movement sacrificed our time and energies in electing Larkin controller and we held up his hands in councils. More than once Larkin declared he would be for W. H. Stevenson for mayor before any other man, but he stays out of this movement which Mr. Stevenson is helping along. I am greatly disappointed in the controller."

William Ablett, Robert McMillan, A. D. Beck, Fred W. Cassell and Albert York Smith applied for a patent for the Independent party in the Thirty-second ward. Fred Neal, Gilbert T. Davis, Lowrie M. Carnalt, Paul A. Hughes and Fred Cooshenhauser made a similar application for the Twenty-first ward.

True Bills Against Police.

The grand jury returned true bills yesterday against Police Captain John Callen and Fireman Joseph Haley for aggravated assault and battery. Callan and Haley, it is alleged, while working at the polls of the Fourth district of the Seventh ward on election day, assaulted a voter and injured him severely.

Common pleas court No. 3 yesterday approved the bond of County Controller elect Franklin P. Booth and Mr. Booth was sworn in by Judge F. H. Collier.

Col. A. J. Logan received a letter yesterday formally notifying him of his nomination for mayor by the Independent City party, organized at a dinner at the Hotel Henry Monday night. Application to patent the name of the party was filed yesterday in court by S. H. Fuller, Peter Dick, P. S. Chambers, W. A. Roberts, C. C. Wiley, H. W. Cromer, Thomas D. Keller and W. S. Burchinal.

The letter received by Col. Logan is as follows:

Col. Logan Notified by Letter.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 19, 1905.

Col. A. J. Logan:

Sir:—The undersigned, having been appointed a committee to present to you the conclusion of a meeting held at the Hotel Henry by an assembly of representative citizens of the various wards of the city of Pittsburgh, beg to confirm our verbal presentation of last evening and advise you that at said meeting the Independent City party was organized for the purpose of nominating and electing a mayor and other officers; that committees were named to take the necessary legal steps to secure a title to said party.

The conclusion of the meeting was that their desire was to select and place at the head of our municipal government a man who will manage the affairs of the city in an honest, fearless, business manner; one who is recognized as a capable, courageous leader; a man of large and successful public experience; a man capable of commanding respect and securing influence; one who has the interest and welfare of the city at heart.

We believe the city stands in the forefront, second to no city in the world, and that she demands the services of a man who is peculiarly qualified; one who is known to all our people as an honest, industrious, loyal citizen for such position; one who is in touch with developments of recent years, who is public-spirited, both aggressive and progressive; who will see that for every dollar of the city's money expended it receives full value in return; a man who is closely identified with all movements for the advancement of this great industrial center; one who will act independently on a high plane of fairness and capable of representing the city creditably on all occasions.

We have the honor, sir, to advise you, sir, that you were unanimously selected as the candidate for mayor of the city of Pittsburgh on the Independent City ticket.

Urging your acceptance, we are, very respectfully,

PETER DICK,
C. H. CHANCE,
C. C. WILEY,
W. A. ROBERTS,
HENRY C. SAWYER,
THOMAS L. PEARR, JR.

HOLDS BRYCE FOR COURT.

Former Member of Glass Manufacturing Concern Is Accused of Embezzling Over $5,000.

Charles K. Bryce of 125 Fifth avenue, Homestead, was held for court under $5,000 bail, which he furnished, at a hearing before Alderman McMasters yesterday on a charge of embezzlement and misappropriation of funds. The information was made by John B. Higbee, a member of the glass manufacturing firm of Bryce, Highbee & Co., which firm Bryce is also a member.

It is alleged by Higbee that prior to and since August 24, 1905, the defendant appropriated to his own use effects and monies of the firm of Bryce, Higbee & Co., to the amount of $5,000 and upward. Witnesses testified to a number of minor transactions in which Bryce figured, and where it is alleged, he converted articles and money to his own use, making the books show that they had been firm transactions.

The attorney for Bryce made a strong plea in his behalf, saying that no intent to defraud had been shown by the evidence, but the alderman held him for court.

SEVERE ELECTRICAL STORM.

Wind and Rain Combined With Lightning Rage at Jacksonville, Florida.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Reports received at the weather bureau tonight record the prevalence of an electrical storm with a heavy fall of rain and a wind of 52 miles an hour at Jacksonville, Fla., this afternoon. The information came in the regular nightly report from the official weather observer at Jacksonville, and made no mention of cyclonic disturbances.

The storm came probably from the gulf coast of Florida and raged over the northern part of the state from which it shifted off, it is thought, into the Atlantic ocean. Savannah, Ga., also felt the reflex effects of the storm.

Meeting of Educators.

The first annual meeting of the High school department of the Pennsylvania State Educational association will be held at Williamsport on December 29 and 30. Among the Western Pennsylvanians who are on the program are Principal H. D. Hopkins, Titusville; Principal H. M. Ferren, Allegheny; Miss J. H. Matthews, Altoona; Superintendent C. E. Lord, Franklin; J. D. Stark, Johnstown; P. M. Dysart, Pittsburgh; G. G. Von Der Groeben, Erie; Dr. Thomas C. Blaisdel, Pittsburgh, and Miss Mabel Mulock, Altoona.

Unanimous Call to Dr. Vance.

Announcement is made that a unanimous call has been extended by the congregation of the new St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Euclid and St. Clair streets, Hampton, to the Rev. Dr. Alexander Vance, to become associate rector of the church. Dr. Vance is at present rector of St. Michael's church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and is most highly recommended. It is believed that he will accept the call.

Taking Chances With Big Roll.

Thomas Kelly, who said he lived in Brushton, was found lying in Oliver avenue, near Smithfield street, last night by Policeman Ed Hughes. He had $236.75 in his pocket. The man was intoxicated and is being held on a charge of drunkenness.

Conductors Get Bad Money.

Counterfeit $1 bills have been passed on a number of conductors on the Rankin and Swissvale lines recently. Orders were issued at the Rankin barns yesterday to be on the watch for the bogus money.

CALL WILL LIKELY BE MADE UNANIMOUS

Misunderstanding Regarding the Terms of New Pastor at Crafton Is Being Cleared Up.

Considerable comment is being made among Crafton people on the fact that the call extended last Monday night by the congregation of the Crafton United Presbyterian church to the Rev. J. A. Alexander of Cambridge, Mass., was not made unanimous. Church officials, however, say that the dissatisfaction felt by some of the members at the time of the meeting was due to a misunderstanding regarding Mr. Alexander's terms, and that by Sunday next, they believe the call will have been agreed upon by everyone connected with the church. At present, it is stated, there are but two families opposed to the call.

When the meeting was opened on Monday night it was announced that the Rev. Mr. Littell of Washington Cross Roads would allow the use of his name. The ballot showed 32 votes for Mr. Alexander, 12 for Mr. Littell and two for the Rev. Mr. Gray. Then a motion was introduced to have the vote for Mr. Alexander made unanimous, but dissatisfaction was expressed by some over this, and the motion was finally withdrawn.

The only objection to Mr. Alexander, it is stated, came through a rumor that he had insisted upon having a parsonage built at once for him. This rumor, however, is declared to have been false, although the impression that the building of a parsonage was to be one of the provisions of his accepting the call had taken hold of some of the members. J. T. Montgomery, clerk of the session, stated last night that the failure to make the call unanimous had occasioned some little comment and discussion, but said he feels satisfied that by Sunday next the whole matter will have been satisfactorily brought to a close.

The call extended to Mr. Alexander will be presented to Monongahela presbytery at its meeting on December 26, and as soon as he can secure his release from his present charge he will come to Crafton to assume his duties. This will, it is expected, be about the middle of January. He is desirous of coming to this locality so as to be near his aged mother, who resides at New Wilmington, Pa., and is in feeble health. His salary is to be $1,200.

The Crafton church was organized last May and has a membership of 52. Services thus far have been held in the city building, but after Mr. Alexander takes charge it is expected that the membership will greatly increase, and steps may be taken to secure a lot and erect a church.

Thinks Dead Child Is Sleeping.

Thinking it had been asleep for the past five days, Mrs. Holga Stethanksa did not realize that her infant was dead until Health Officer C. A. Walker discovered the body yesterday morning while inspecting the tenement residence at 718 Jerome street, McKeesport. Through an interpreter, the mother stated she had thought the child was in a deep sleep.

Inspector Robinson Receives Present.

Inspector R. H. Robinson of the first police district, was presented with a large Morris chair yesterday afternoon by the night force of his district as a Christmas present. The presentation was made at Inspector Robinson's home, 4517 Torley street, by Lieuts. W. J. Hilty and Harry Meyers and a committee of three policemen.

Report of Contagious Diseases.

Seven cases of typhoid fever, three of scarlet fever and one of diphtheria were reported to the Pittsburgh bureau of health yesterday.

THREE DAYS' SALE
AT AFTER-CHRISTMAS PRICES
OUR GREATEST HOLIDAY BUSINESS

UP TO 6 o'clock last evening our sales for this month have exceeded our total sales for the entire month of December last year. The total number of items sold is much greater than last year because prices are generally much lower than last year. Talking machines, records, music boxes, sheet music, small musical instruments of all kinds have been reduced in price, while the quality has been improved, and we never before in our history have been able to show so large and varied a line of good pianos and piano players at prices as low as those made this year.

This is the greatest month in our business history and we purpose that the next three days shall make a fitting climax to the finest holiday trade we have ever known. Every department will contribute to the record-making bargains offered for the last three days of this Christmas sale. From pianos to music rolls, from piano-players to toy music boxes, you'll find such a range of money-saving opportunities as you never saw before. Read the items and remember that with the quality and character of these goods absolutely assured, this house offers advantages in the matter of monthly payments not found elsewhere on goods of similar character.

Music Cabinets Reduced

Choose any Cabinet in our stock today for just

½ Marked price

Some fine Cabinets at $3.00, $4.00 and $5.00.

Stools at ½ off

Benches at ½ off

Good Benches as low as $3.00.

Piano Scarfs at ½ off

Beautiful silks, satins, velours, all patterns.

Cases

for guitar, banjo, mandolin in felt, canvas, wood, leather, all offered at

⅓ Off

Some special values at $1.00.

Music Rolls

All music rolls, satchels and such goods, regularly sold at 75c to $15.00 in imitation leather, plain leather, real seal, walrus, porpoise and alligator, reduced to

½ Off

Any Violin

in our great line, including models of Stradivarius, Starner, Guarnarius, Conservatory and others from $2.50 to $500. Complete with bow at

⅓ Off

Mandolins

Any Mandolin in stock today at just

⅓ Off

Guitars

Any Guitars in stock today—prices from $3.50 to $100—at just

⅓ Off

PIANOS

$10.00 Down
$6.00 Per Month

Come and make your selection today from twenty different makes in six styles—walnut, mahogany or oak. All new and fully guaranteed. These are discontinued styles—not shown in 1906 catalogues. Therefore this opportunity to buy these $275, $300 and $325 pianos at

$198.00

or for a little more on monthly payments of less amount than many men spend in cigars. Can you afford to be without a Christmas piano now?

Discontinued Styles

of new pianos such as A. B. Chase, Vose, Fischer, Hamil-Tone, Schumann, Merrill, Braumuller, Kutrzmann, Smith & Barnes, Imperial and others at

¼ Off

Monthly payments on any of the above.

USED PIANOS

Such as Knabe, Emerson, Kranich, & Bach, Smith & Co., Chickering, Sterling, Hardman, Stults & Bauer and others at prices as low as

$75.00 for Uprights

Monthly Payments

One Auto Piano

one of the leading self-playing pianos; can be played either by hand or with music roll in concealed self-playing mechanism. Sold elsewhere at $600. This instrument used about nine months and as good as new. Price is only

$425.00

New Piano Players

$125.00

New, guaranteed, fit any piano, anyone can play them, equal to the players for which $225 and $250 is demanded elsewhere. And as a special attraction to tardy gift buyers we offer the unusual monthly payments of

$15.00 Cash. $8.00 Monthly

on this special lot of sixteen new piano players, at a slight increase over the cash price.

Why not have a piano player and get some use of that silent piano that stands in your parlor?

It's a Christmas gift for all the family. Come and see them today.

Music Boxes Reduced

You can buy today, tomorrow and Saturday any small music box in our stock at just

Half Price

Isn't that a Christmas inducement?

50c	boxes now.....	25c
$ 1.00	boxes now.....	50c
$ 2.00	boxes now.....	$ 1.00
$ 5.00	boxes now.....	$ 2.50
$ 10.00	boxes now.....	$ 5.00
$ 25.00	Regina now.....	$ 12.50
$ 50.00	Imperial now...	$ 25.00
$ 80.00	Criterion now...	$ 40.00
$125.00	Symphonion now.....	$ 62.50
$250.00	Regina (automatic tune-changing box)	$125.00

The above are only a few of the great offers of this department.

Mira Music Boxes

at $9, $15, $25, $42, $50, $70 and up to $200

Payments as low as

$1.00 Monthly

Talking Machines

A complete line of the wonderful Victor and Edison talking machines at rock bottom prices. Special carved cabinets, art cases, fine grand opera records by Caruso, Eames, Sembrich and others.

As a special for the last three days we offer a fine $5.00 talking machine with two genuine Edison gold moulded records for only

$3.40

This is not a toy machine.

Small Drums

All the way from the toy at 50c up to the excellent small juvenile orchestra Drum at $8.00. You can have your choice complete with sling, sticks, etc., at just

½ Off

There is no gift like a musical instrument. And with opportunities such as are presented by this store there is no reason why your gift should not be musical. You'll find special prices on all kinds of musical goods during this three-day sale. Don't let anything deter you from availing yourself of these record-breaking offers. We sha'n't mind your giving us something hard to work for in the way of a record for next year. Come any time today, tomorrow or Saturday.

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THE HOME OF THE ANGELUS.

$25 Diamond Specials

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GIVE HER A DIAMOND

Our Diamond Display is the talk of the town—The high character of every article, so essential in gift giving, coupled with

DeRoy Reliability and Price Economy

Large lustrous sparkling Diamond Solitaire Rings (the value never depreciates), from $25 to $1,000.
Smaller ones $5 and $10.

JOS. DeROY SONS,

307 SMITHFIELD ST. SAME STORE FOR 50 YEARS. OPPOSITE POSTOFFICE.

Is Any Man Worth a Salary of $100,000 a Year?

IN these days of high-powered finance the salaries paid some men seem to be enormous when the average man thinks of the size of his pay envelope. The New York investigation of the insurance companies has brought this interesting subject to the front. Some of the noted high-salaried men of the Metropolis discuss the question in

The Worker's Magazine of Next Sunday's Gazette

NEW CANDIDATE FOR LOCAL PENSION AGENT

Only Man Who Asks for Place Is Not a Veteran—Bill for Charleroi Public Building.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Another candidate for appointment as pension agent at Pittsburgh has entered the field and has called upon Pennsylvania members for their indorsement. He is Thomas H. Sutherland of Washington, Pa., formerly a clerk in the census office. Mr. Sutherland is too young to have participated in the civil war and is the only candidate for the place who is not a veteran of the rebellion. He has written to Congressman Acheson asking for his support.

Representative Acheson has recommended the reappointment of Charles M. McDaniel as postmaster at New Brighton.

Senator Knox today introduced a bill appropriating $125,000 for a public building at Charleroi. The same bill was introduced in the house by Representative Acheson.

M. M. Cochran of Uniontown was here today and called upon Representative Cooper. Mr. Cochran has been south and is on his way home. He was a schoolmate of Hon. Champ Clark and he and the Missouri member today exchanged reminiscences.

L. W. STRAYER.

BENDER LOVES TOO WELL.

At Least, That Is the Opinion of the Woman He Selected for His Mother-in-Law.

The infatuation of Michael Bender for 17-year-old Tehana Klor of 135 South Eleventh street, is responsible for his being locked up on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Bender was arrested yesterday on information made by the mother of the girl. She was opposed to Bender's suit and alleges that several weeks ago she was compelled to ask him to leave her house, he having boarded with her prior to that time. Last week Mrs. Klor says he returned and when refused admittance was disorderly and threatened her.

Bender was arrested several weeks ago on a similar charge and paid a fine. At that time he had become involved in a quarrel with another boarder in Mrs. Klor's house, who was also paying attention to the girl, with more favor from Mrs. Klor.

DENIED FUNERAL RITES.

Neither Religious Nor Agnostic Services Over the Remains of Dr. Tanski.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Without a vestige of religious service, and denied even the compliment of an oration that Attorney Charles Sparks, an agnostic friend of the dead man, had prepared, the remains of Dr. N. T. Tanski, who was burned to death, today were sent to Brannock, Pa., where they will be interred at his daughter's orders, despite the doctor's wish that he be cremated.

Miss Theodosia Tanski, the third daughter, this morning arrived from Pittsburgh, bringing a Polish priest, Father Pacopus Lipski, with her. Father Lipski refused to perform the Catholic rites when he learned the physician was an agnostic. The daughters then consulted and decided not to have the agnostic service either.

SWEAR IN FIREMEN.

Wilmerding Again Has a Volunteer Department—Old Company Will Maintain Its Organization.

Wilmerding council Tuesday night swore in 18 members of the new fire department and elected William Dick chief and Thomas Brennen captain. The reorganization of the fire department has created considerable trouble in the borough. The old volunteer company was ordered to vacate the borough building and turn all apparatus over to the new company. By an overwhelming vote the old company last week refused to become members of the new company, which is controlled by the borough council. The council holds that all acts of council giving property to the old company in the past were illegal, and that to support a volunteer company the council must control it by electing the officers.

President F. H. Hammerle of the old company stated last night that his organization would be kept intact, either as a volunteer fire company or social organization.

REJECTS EXPLANATIONS.

Brazil Foreign Office Refuses Germany's Reasons to Justify Actions of Sailors.

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Papers published this morning a report that Baron Rio Branco, Brazilian minister of foreign affairs, has refused to accept the explanations made by the German minister, saying they are not sufficient. He has received three new reports, showing officers and sailors went ashore in plain clothes, invaded the house of a Brazilian citizen, and coerced his son to accompany them to search for deserters. The whereabouts of Steinhoff is still unknown.

The German minister will submit to the Brazilian government a new proposal. He declared his government was anxious to maintain good relations with Brazil and is awaiting new instructions. It is understood that if no satisfactory settlement is arrived at both governments will appoint a neutral commission to make an investigation.

The Disappearing $5 Bill.

Joseph Moscocos, an Italian, of 244½ Omega street, was arrested last night on a charge of larceny made before Magistrate Negley by Guiseppi Dorenicone, a fellow countryman residing at the same address. The prosecutor claims he laid a $5 bill on a table and was called out of the room. When he returned Moscocos, who was in the room when he left, and the $5, had disappeared.

The Death Roll

Mrs. Jacobina McAleese.

Mrs. Jacobina McAleese, wife of the late James McAleese and the mother of John McAleese, formerly jail warden, died yesterday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Mary A. Jones, 53 Maple avenue, where she made her home. Mrs. McAleese was a native of Germany but came to America when a child. She had been a resident of Pittsburgh for many years. She was married in what was then known as Minersville, now the Thirteenth ward, and the greater part of her life was spent in that section. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, active in its work and attended the services as long as her health permitted. Her late husband was a soldier, having served during the rebellion with the Forty-fifth Pennsylvania cavalry. Mrs. McAleese is survived by seven children. These are: James McAleese, for many years a member of the fire department; John McAleese, the former jail warden, now of Lawrence county; Daniel McAleese, with Evan Jones & Co.; Mrs. T. G. Jones, Mrs. Caroline Gelther, Mrs. Nettie Robb and Mrs. G. F. Fleming. She is also survived by 25 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Chalmer Easton Oakley.

Chalmer Easton Oakley, aged 19, a son of Albert C. Oakley of 150 Bingham street, Mt. Washington, died at 1:50 a. m. yesterday at the Suburban hospital, Bellevue, of appendicitis, after an illness of only five days. An operation was performed Friday evening. The deceased was born on Mt. Washington, but lived with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Oakley of Avalon, since he was two years old, his mother having died when he was that age. His grandfather, Mr. Oakley, died some years ago, and since then the young man lived with his grandmother and Miss Virginia Oakley, in North Avalon, from whose home the funeral will take place at 2 p. m. tomorrow. The interment will be in Mt. Lebanon cemetery. The deceased was graduated from the Avalon High school last June, and at the time of his death was a member of the freshman class at the Western University of Pennsylvania.

Charles C. Craft.

Charles C. Craft, the founder of Crafton, died suddenly yesterday at Mt. Clemens, Mich., where he had been for three weeks in the hope of benefiting his health. Mr. Craft was born in what is now Crafton 62 years ago, the son of the late James S. Craft, who owned about 200 acres of land, which came into possession of Charles C. Craft in 1871. The first house built in the new town was the mansion of Mr. Craft, which is still one of the finest places in the town. From the sale of lots Mr. Craft made considerable money which, wisely invested, made him a rich man. He was noted for many acts of charity and kindness. Mr. Craft was a member of the borough council and the Protestant Episcopal Church of Nativity, which he assisted in organizing in 1872. During the last fall and winter his health failed him and about three weeks ago he went to Mt. Clemens. He is survived by three daughters, all married.

Harry C. Litch.

Harry C. Litch, who died at his residence at Brookville, Pa., on Tuesday, was a former resident of Pittsburgh. He was born here 50 years ago and was the son of the late Thomas K. and Rebecca Eaton Litch. He was in the lumber business quite extensively, and some years ago maintained an office here. He was prominent in business and financial affairs of his home county, and his reputation as a stock raiser was well known through all of Jefferson county. He was a director of the Jefferson County National bank and owned extensive timber interests in the state of Washington. He was also interested in a storage plant in Portland, Ore., and in a number of other enterprises. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Brookville. In 1886 he married Miss Blanche Ramsey, who, with an adopted son, Thomas K., Jr., and a brother, Thomas W. Litch, survive.

George J. Walker.

George J. Walker, an upholsterer, died yesterday at his home, 46 Clifton avenue, Allegheny. He was born November 17, 1840. Mr. Walker had a superb record as a soldier. At the outbreak of the rebellion he enlisted at the first call in the Twelfth Pennsylvania volunteers, one of the three-month regiments. After being mustered out of that organization he entered the service again in Knapp's battery, Pennsylvania Light artillery, serving until that command was mustered out, on June 14, 1865, at the end of the war. He was then a corporal. He fought at Antietam, Harpers Ferry, South Mountain, Gettysburg, Reseca, Washatchie, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Ringgold, Anadallas, Peach Tree creek, Atlanta, Savannah and Jonesboro, and was all through Sherman's march to the sea. In his long period of service he was wounded but once, this being at Washatchie on October 29, 1863.

George P. Zimmerman.

George P. Zimmerman, aged 53, died yesterday at his home, 311 Clay street, Sharpsburg. Mr. Zimmerman was born in Pittsburgh but spent most of his life in Sharpsburg and Etna. For many years he was employed as a puddler in the mills of the Spang-Chalfant company and Moorehead Brothers. He was a member of the St. John German Lutheran church and of Collier Camp, Sons of Veterans. In 1872 he married Katharine Stahl of Sharpsburg, who survives him with the following children, George, Charlie and William Zimmerman, and Mrs. F. C. Suess. Four brothers, Charles, Louis, Melanchthon, and Samuel Zimmerman, and two sisters, Mrs. Susan Apke, and Mrs. Annia Byers, also survive.

George Orris.

George Orris, a civil war veteran, died yesterday morning at his home in Glendale, near Carnegie, from blood poisoning which developed from a cut on the hand. Mr. Orris was born in Duquesne Heights, 67 years ago, and had worked as a miner nearly all his life. He had lived in Glendale 20 years, and was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, Carnegie, and of Capt. Thomas Estey Post, No. 153, G. A. R., Carnegie. While a soldier he participated in the battles of Gettysburg and Second Bulls Run. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. George Boyd, Columbus, O.; James L. Orris, Carnegie; Mrs. Paul Dunleavy, Greentree; William Orris and Mrs. Henry Snyder, of Glendale.

Mrs. Mary Fredly.

Mrs. Mary Fredly, an inmate of the G. A. R. home at Hawkins, died yesterday of stomach trouble. She was born near Glades Mills, Butler county, 68 years ago, and she had been in the home four years. She was a member of the Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal church, Braddock. She leaves two sons and a daughter living in Cleveland.

Henry Morrison.

Henry Morrison, aged 80, a retired baker, who resided at 1423 Lincoln avenue, East End, died at 7:30 o'clock last night. He was for many years a resident of Tarentum but had made his home in Pittsburgh for the past three years. His wife died a number of years ago. He is survived by a son, who lives in Tarentum.

Birdine B. Dunlap.

Birdine B. Dunlap, a resident of the Tenth ward, Allegheny, died at his home, Lafayette street and Federal street extension, yesterday afternoon, after an illness of three weeks. He was a native of Allegheny and for years had been in the grocery business. He is survived by his widow.

Miss Catherine McGrath.

Miss Catherine McGrath, aged 54, formerly of Allegheny, is dead at the home of her sister, Mrs. Bridget Sullivan, 230 Franklin street, North Braddock. Death was caused by pneumonia. Miss McGrath lived for years in Allegheny, removing to North Braddock about eight years ago. Her father, Thomas McGrath, was a North Side merchant. She was a member of St. Thomas' Roman Catholic church, Braddock.

Mrs. William M. Williams.

Mrs. William M. Williams, aged 78, mother of Robert Williams of 735 Fourth street, Braddock, died yesterday morning at her home in Irwin. She was born in Wales, but had been a resident of Irwin for 40 years, and a member of the Irwin Baptist church. She leaves her aged husband, four daughters and two sons.

Obituary Notes.

George H. Conley, superintendent of schools of Boston, Mass., died suddenly at his home at Brookline, Mass., yesterday of heart failure. He was 52 years old.

Edward Wilder, treasurer of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad company, is dead at Topeka, Kas.

DEATHS IN NEARBY TOWNS.

NEW CASTLE—Mrs. Fannie Bridges, wife of John E. Bridges, died here aged 38. Mrs. Bridges was a member of the Free Methodist church and is survived by her husband and two children, John and Miss Rose.

NEW CASTLE—The remains of James B. Organ, aged over 70, for many years a resident of this city, arrived from Cleveland. Two children, Bert Organ of Youngstown and Miss Ella Organ of this city, survive.

LISBON—Mrs. Martha J. Applegate died at her home at West Point, this county, aged 65. She is survived by two sons, George L. of West Point and Louis L. Applegate of East Liverpool.

WASHINGTON—Mrs. Sarah Jane Peon of Somerset township is dead, aged 70. Her husband and four children survive.

GIRARD, O.—Henry Prindle, a prominent and well-to-do Liberty township farmer, died, aged 75.

ROCHESTER—Charles S. Harris is dead at his home here, aged 57. He is survived by his wife and two children.

BETHLEHEM—The Rev. John C. Connelly, a son of Chief Burgess M. L. Connelly, died of consumption today, aged 34. He was ordained to the priesthood at Mount St. Mary's seminary, Emmittsburg, Md., by Cardinal Gibbons in 1898.

GREENVILLE—Henry Melchon, aged 76, a prominent farmer, is dead at his home four miles south of Greenville. He is survived by three sons.

Policemen Are Not Solomons.

John Wilson, John Broschart, George W. Sullivan and Pat Sullivan are locked up as suspicious persons in the South Side police station. Wilson and Broschart complained to officers Daniel Walsh and John McArdle yesterday that the two Sullivans had robbed them. The Sullivans, however, said the two other men had robbed them, and being unable to straighten out the tangle the policemen arrested all of them to allow them to explain matters to the magistrate this morning.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

James Edwards, Mattie Carpenter; M. F. Lauf, Mary Thompson; John Anderson, Maria Franklin; Peter Meyer, Bertha Hohl; Thomas Jackson, Rose Tolles; Augustine F. Williams, Jennie M. Grant; John Bast, Annie Kilpatrick; Kayh Hansson, Eva Johnson; Max L. Snyder, Rebecca Ulman; P. J. Sauerberger, Elizabeth M. Eberhardt; Green Evans, Mary White; Isaac Collins, Mary B. Serivan, all of Pittsburgh.

Joseph Kenmir, Rose Elder; Owen M. Leffler, Maud M. Luman; William T. McDonald, Emma De Venney; Robert A. Hicks, Clara L. Koch, all of Allegheny.

James B. Patton, Annie L. Storer, Elizabeth Alex Harris, Scottie Winbush, Monongahela. Free C. Bundy, Sheraden, Minnie Wachner, Ingram; E. R. Pinney, Clarksburg, W. Va., Carrie A. Rineman, Keown; Samuel M. Miller, Greentree, Anna M. Shields, Natronaa; Harry A. Gillespie, Thorn Hill, Nannie Smith, Bakerstown; John F. McCann, Allegheny, Matilda Wolfe, Edgewood; John Broermann, Franklin township, Mollie Geisler, Pittsburgh; Isaac Carter, Donora, Annie Pratt, Duquesne; Orrin J. Patterson, Wilkinsburg, Helen M. Brennen, Centerville; William Shultz, Leechburg, Lizzie Frantz, Ingleside; John C. Darris, McKeesport, Annie E. Good, Duquesne; William F. Kondhak, Brownsville, Dora Foster, West Liberty; Robert E. Davidson, Pittsburgh, Nettie M. Kratzer, Glenfield; Charles C. R. Stouffer, Pitcairn, Mabel M. Loughran, Irwin; Robert G. Bingham, Pittsburgh, Annie Spinks, Allegheny; Thomas R. Ross, Pittsburgh, Myrtle E. Burgess, Wilkinsburg; Arthur G. Rokestraw, Wilkinsburg, Mary Davidson, Midway; Joseph G. Rossomme, Charleroi, Clara M. Taylor, Topeka, Kan.; Harry De Vore, Glassport, Emma Schanz, Duquesne; Grover C. Rose, Allegheny, Lulu Steel, Du Bois.

DIED.

BATSON—On Wednesday, December 26, 1905, at 2 a. m., Mrs. AMELIA LEISHMAN BASTON, mother of J. G. A. Leishman, aged 74 years.

Funeral services at the residence of Mrs. Mary C. McKelvy, 836 North St. Clair street, East End, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private.

BLACKFORD—On Tuesday, December 19, 1905, at 4:25 a. m., at her residence, 429 South Evaline street, East End, ISABELLA GREER, widow of John H. Blackford, Sr.

Funeral services at St. John's Protestant Episcopal church, corner of Main and Butler streets, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment private.

CAVITT—On Tuesday, December 19, 1905, at 2:15 a. m., ELIZA JANE, daughter of the late William and Mary Ann Cavitt.

Funeral services at her late residence, Hastings avenue, Oakdale, Pa., on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment at Uniondale cemetery, Allegheny, on arrival of 1:45 p. m. train at Union station.

COOL—On Wednesday, December 20, 1905, CLENDENING A. COOL.

Funeral services at his late residence, No. 1518 Webster avenue. Time to be announced later.

CRAFT—Suddenly, at Mt. Clemens, Mich., on Wednesday, December 20, 1905, CHARLES C. CRAFT.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

CROFT—On Tuesday, December 19, 1905, at 12:35 a. m., Mrs. MARY CROFT, wife of John Croft, at 41 Ontario street, Allegheny, Pa., aged 69 years.

Funeral services will be held at her late residence, on Thursday at 2:15 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

DUNLAP—On Wednesday, December 20, 1905, at 4:25 a. m., B. B., husband of Nancie L. (Reed) Dunlap.

Funeral services at his late residence, corner Lafayette avenue and Federal street extension, this evening at 8 o'clock. Friends of the family and Dallace lodge, F. and A. M.; Ascalon commandery, K. T.; Triumph lodge A. O. U. W., are respectfully invited to attend.

GRAUL—At Mt. Pleasant, Pa., on Tuesday, December 19, 1905, at 7:30 p. m., CHRISTIANA, wife of Leopold Graul, aged 80 years.

Funeral from the residence of her son-in-law, John Koenig, 2205 Arlington avenue, Twenty-seventh ward, this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

M'ALEESE—On Wednesday, December 20, 1905, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Mary A. Jones, 53 Maple avenue, South Side, JACOBINA M'ALEESE (nee Sibler), widow of James McAleese, in the 84th year of her age.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

MOONEY—On Wednesday, December 20, 1905, at 12:50 p. m., BLANCHE, daughter of John T. and Johanna Mooney (nee Gearing), aged 21 years and 6 months.

Funeral from her late residence, 143 Plymouth street, Duquesne heights, Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. Requiem high mass at St. Mary of the Mount church at 9 o'clock.

M'GRATH—On Tuesday, December 19, 1905, at 5:10 p. m., CATHERINE M'GRATH, in the 55d year of her age.

Funeral from her late residence, 230 Franklin street, North Braddock, at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning, December 22. Services at St. Thomas' Roman Catholic church at 9 a. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

OAKLEY—On Wednesday, December 20, 1905, at 1:50 a. m., CHALMER EASTON OAKLEY, son of Albert C. Oakley, in his 19th year.

Funeral services at 2 p. m. at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Oakley, North Avalon. Interment at Mt. Lebanon cemetery.

TOMKINS—On Wednesday, December 20, 1905, at 12:15 p. m., MAY, daughter of Alfred and Ellen Tomkins, aged 19 years.

Funeral on Saturday, December 23, from the parents' residence, Bailey avenue, Thirty-second ward, at 2 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

WALKER—On Wednesday, December 20, 1905, at 7 p. m., DOROTHY MARIE WALKER, daughter of Harry C. and Marie Walker.

Notice of funeral later.

MORRISON—On Wednesday, December 20, 1905, at his residence, at 7:30 p. m., HENRY MORRISON, aged 80 years.

Notice of funeral later.

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Silk Umbrellas for ladies and gentlemen—natural and fancy handles, $1.25 to $5.00.

Ladies' Kid Gloves, $1.00.

Silk and Golf Gloves, 25c to 50c.

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IN the court of common pleas No. 3, No. —, ——, 1905.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and curbing, and damage by grade of Balck avenue, from California avenue to Fleming avenue, Eleventh ward.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule, showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed for the foreging improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the third day of January A. D. 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

H. C. WILSON,
S. B. RHEAM,
J. H. TRIMBLE,
Viewers.

IN the court of common pleas No. 3, No. 740, November term, 1906.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the construction of a public sewer on McClure avenue, from Ghard street to Moore alley, Eleventh ward.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule,

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showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the third day of January, A. D. 1906, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

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IN the court of common pleas No. 3, No. —, ——, 1905.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the construction of a public sewer on Robinson road, from Homer street to Edwin Miller's property, Seventh and Fourteenth wards.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule, showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed, for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the third day of January, A. D. 1906, at 10:15 o'clock a. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

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Councils Are Not Permitted to Meet During Absence of Director from City.

LARKIN IS ANGRY AT BRAND

Director Bigelow has gone to New York city to buy Christmas presents, and a meeting of the city councils has been postponed until next Tuesday. Director Bigelow intended to have a meeting tomorrow, but his Christmas arrangements interfered. It is Mr. Bigelow's custom every year before Christmas to spend several days in New York shopping.

The public works committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon but did not take any action on the four-year light contract ordinance, which was referred to a sub-committee at the previous meeting. The sub-committee is composed of Bigelow members, and the failure of the general committee to take up the ordinance yesterday strengthened the original belief that the ordinance will probably remain in the public works committee until after the municipal election in February, and then an attempt made to pass it in councils.

P. F. Doyle, former manager of the C. D. Kenny branch store in Carson street, South Side, says that he made the contract with the Allegheny County Light Company for an arc light in front of the store at $6 a month, or $72 a year, and that the contract was made for the light to burn all night. Mr. Doyle says the light did burn all night. The formal contract was prepared but Doyle resigned as manager before it was signed, and his successor signed the contract.

Mr. Doyle said the Kenny company formerly paid twice as much to the Allegheny County Light Company for its light, but the price was reduced by competition. The new South Side light company offered to furnish the light for $7 50 a month, and then the Allegheny County Light Company reduced its price from $12 to $6.

Controller Larkin says he has prepared the statement which he will send to councils asking for information about the Kenny contract. He was asked yesterday why he did not ask Councilman Brand for information about the contract, and said he would not do that because Mr. Brand was in his office before he presented his resolution in councils and did not inform him of the contract.

"Mr. Brand got all I had on the light subject and did not tell me anything, so I will not ask him about the contract now," said the controller. The controller is much aggrieved because Mr. Brand kept his own counsel about the contract, and did not give up his ammunition.

"The controller will not play unless he can be the whole thing," said Councilman Brand. "I will be prepared to answer the controller when his communication comes into councils. The controller is displaying a remarkable interest for a public official in behalf of the light monopoly."

THIEVES FIRE HOUSE AND SHOOT AT WOMAN

Marauders Visit Homes in Ben Avon and Avalon—Escape After Pursuit.

Three burglars set fire to a house in Beringer place, Ben Avon, yesterday morning, in revenge for finding only $1 in the place. It was the residence of George Dickson. The damage is about $200. Mrs. Dickson was awakened by the smoke and aroused her husband. The Avalon fire department was called out. The burglars piled wood and coal in a rear hall way, poured kerosene over it and applied a match.

The home of Charles Dunbar, 307 California avenue, Avalon, was entered later by the same marauders. Mr. Dunbar, a night operator employed by the Fort Wayne road, was at work. From his wife's room the men took seven rings, a gold watch and $5. They entered the room of Mrs. Dunbar's sister, Miss Ella Floyd. She awoke, and one of the men put a revolver to her temple, threatening to kill her if she gave the alarm. They took a silver watch and a diamond ring. As they were leaving Miss Floyd screamed for help, and one of the burglars shot twice at her.

Dr. S. H. Ralston, a neighbor, heard the shots and screams and trailed the robbers some distance. Some pocketbooks they had taken were found a mile away from the Dunbar home. County detectives were notified, but did not find the burglars. All are thought to be negroes.

ANNIVERSARY MASS.

Bishop Canevin Acts as Celebrant in Service to Commemorate the Death of Bishop Phelan.

Commemorating the first anniversary of the death of Bishop Phelan, predecessor of Bishop Canevin in the Pittsburgh diocese, solemn pontifical anniversary high mass was celebrated yesterday morning at the Epiphany church. Bishop Canevin was celebrant, the first time he has appeared at a solemn episcopal function since his return from Europe. The Rev. Father Tobin, vicar general of the diocese, assisted, and the deacons of honor were the Rev. Father Suehr and the Very Rev. William Kittell, chancellor of the diocese. At the invitation of Bishop Canevin, 60 or 70 priests of the Pittsburgh diocese were present, together with a large number of the laity.

It had been hoped to have the service in the new cathedral, but it will be at least two months and probably longer before the consecration of the magnificent edifice will take place. No date has yet been decided upon for the dedication, but it is probable that it may be held in February.

TO PUNISH RIOTERS.

Empress Orders Commander of Chinese Army to Investigate the Outbreak at Shanghai.

PEKIN, Dec. 20.—The dowager empress today issued an edict commanding the viceroy of Chili, province of Yuan-Shi-Kai, commander of the Chinese army, to proceed to Shanghai, investigate the disturbances, secure the punishment of those implicated, and impeach the civil and military officials responsible for the maintenance of order.

The success of the boycott in securing concessions in the new treaty from the American government undoubtedly encouraged the Chinese to engage in the recent demonstrations. The Chino-Japanese treaty will be signed December 22. The utmost secrecy is maintained regarding the agreement. The foreign legations and Chinese officials are ignorant of the terms.

The proof of the turkey is in the eating thereof—McCann's turkeys are par excellence. 401-03-10 Market street.

The announcement of the S. Hamilton Co. on the fifth page this morning will interest every Christmas shopper.

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MINING INSTITUTE CHANGES ITS NAME

It Is Now the Coal Mining Institute of America and Scope Is Greatly Increased.

The Western Pennsylvania Central Mining Institute, at the opening of its winter session yesterday, changed the name of the organization to the Coal Mining Institute of America. Under the new title the scope of the society will be largely increased and its membership will be extended to include members of the profession in all parts of the country. The meeting was held in the rooms of the Allegheny Bar association in the court house, and will be continued today. A banquet at the Hotel Henry will close the session tonight.

In his annual address President Fred C. Keighley drew intersting comparisons between the old and the modern methods of coal mining. He stated that labor-saving machinery and broad-gauged management of mines had been responsible in revolutionizing operations in Pennsylvania coal fields. He said that Greene county is underlaid with hundreds of square miles of the coal of the Pittsburgh seam, and only the lack of railroad facilities prevented its development. He prophesied that in 10 years it would outrival the famous Klondike region in Fayette county. Papers were read on technical subjects by George T. Wickes, Thomas W. Keighley, Horatio S. Moore, William Hardy and L. L. Logan.

The office of secretary-treasurer which had been held for several terms by I. G. Roby was separated, Mr. Roby being retained as treasurer and C. W. Smith being elected secretary. All the other officers were re-elected as follows: President, Fred C. Keighley; vice presidents, William L. Affelder, L. L. Logan and Joseph Simpson; auditors, Thomas Hall and John Britt; editor, Fred C. Keighley. John A. Blair, assistant city solicitor, in behalf of Mayor William B. Hays, made an address of welcome to the members of the institute.

NO PARDON FOR JOY.

Wilkinsburg Detective Refused Freedom and Will Be Brought to Pittsburgh for Sentence.

Frank Joy of Wilkinsburg, who was convicted in the Allegheny county courts last summer of conspiracy with John Graham, was yesterday refused a pardon. Joy was sentenced to serve three months in the workhouse and to pay a fine of $1,000. The case was carried to the superior court and to the supreme court, but in both instances the finding of the lower court was sustained. It has been recommended by the pardon board that he be brought to Pittsburgh for immediate sentence.

Joy was refused a license as a detective and worked in conjunction with other unlicensed sleuths. He is now in Cleveland.

FLINTS ADJUST DISPUTES.

Troubles Among Philadelphia Glassworkers Are Taken Under Advisement by Union and Manufacturers.

At a meeting between the representatives of the American Flint Glassworkers' union and the flint glass manufacturers in the Stevenson building yesterday afternoon, a number of disputes were finally settled. Steps were taken to bring back the seceding cutters, who some time ago formed an independent union and were responsible for a strike in the plant of Gillinder & Sons in Philadelphia. Both sides have promised to make concessions, and it was stated the strike order will be withdrawn.

Half a dozen matters of minor importance which were on the schedule of disputes, were quickly settled.

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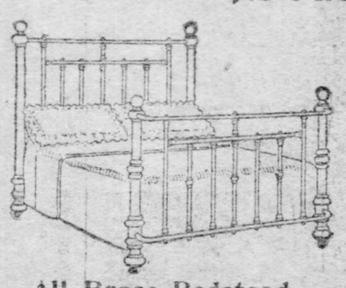
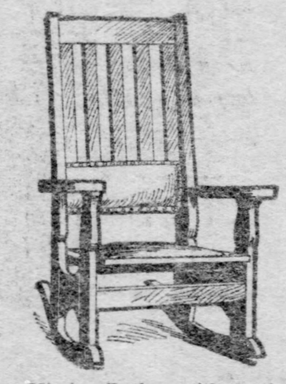
The Christmas sales have been so large that we have accumulated odd lots earlier than usual. Forty-six Mission Chairs, Rockers and Settees left out of suits. Parlor Desks at $7.50 to $25, worth $10 to $35. Ten very fine Leather-Covered Turkish Rockers at 15% to 20% off. Also many odd Rockers in golden oak and mahogany—$2.50 to $12, worth $3.50 to $16.

These are strictly Christmas goods and instead of carrying even a part of them over, you can have them now—just when you are buying presents—at reduced prices. No possible way to illustrate all of them in the papers. Come in and see them.

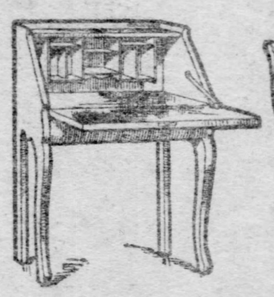
No First Payment Required—Pay a Little Each Week After Christmas.



All Brass Bedstead
Special sale this week. This bed has swell foot, two-inch posts and large vases. Large husks. Value $35.00..... $27.50



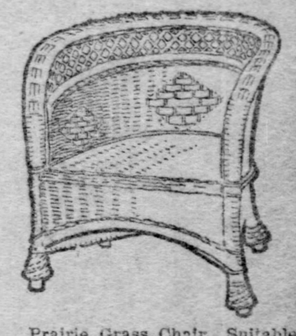
Mission Rocker, with leather seat and back. Low arms. Extra high back..... $11



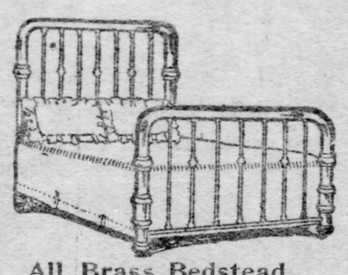
A high grade Writing Desk, in either quartered golden oak or mahogany finish. Large drawer. Was $10..... $8

Carved back Chair. Mahogany finish or golden oak polished. Now at..... $12.50

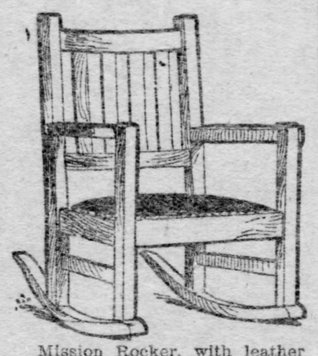
This Princess Dresser, in genuine mahogany, curly birch, birdseye maple or golden oak..... $27.50



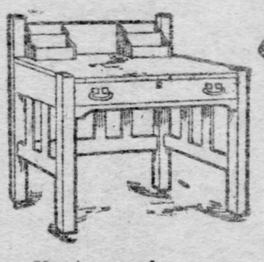
Prairie Grass Chair. Suitable for parlor, library or reception hall. A pretty golden olive color. Almost indestructible..... $12



All Brass Bedstead
Continuous posts and top rails. Heavy husks. Thick fillers. Burnished and finished with fine gold lacquer. Full size. Worth $40..... $30



Mission Rocker, with leather seat. Extra large and roomy. Weathered oak. Reduced from $18..... $15

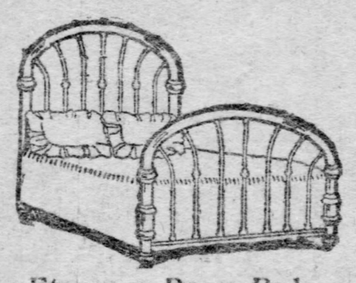


Here's one of our many Mission Desks in weathered oak. Racks on back for stationery. Large drawer, at..... $12.50

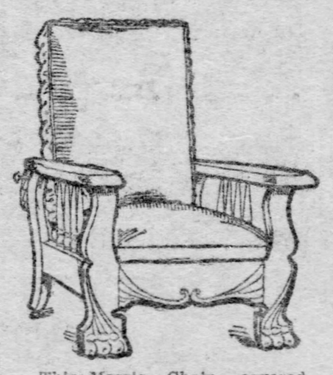
Golden oak Rocker. Saddle seat. Curved back slats. True comfort..... $4.75

Dresser in Golden oak. Pattern French Bevel Mirror. Swell front top drawer..... $19

Easy Mission Chair, in weathered oak. Loose pillow cushions covered with leather. Reduced from $37.50.... $28



Etruscan Brass Bed
Posts and top rails are in Etruscan brass. Fillers are gold lacquered and burnished. Heavy husks. Continuous posts and top rails. Full size. Value $50..... $42.50



This Morris Chair, covered with Chase leather. Golden oak frame. Spring seat. Back adjusts to four positions..... $12.50

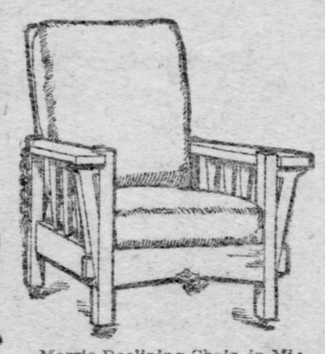
This Desk in Birdseye Maple or genuine Mahogany. Three drawers. Roomy writing surface..... $27

This Parlor or Library Rocker, in golden oak. Saddle seat. Carved back. Value $2.50, only..... $2.50

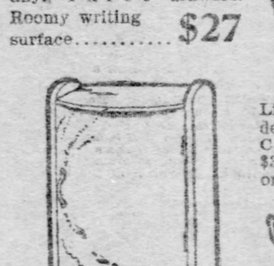
This golden oak Dresser. French bevel mirror. Four drawers. Shaped top. Worth $13.50, at..... $8.50

Weathered oak Rocker. Medium high back. Loose pillow cushions covered with leather. Reduced from $20..... $16

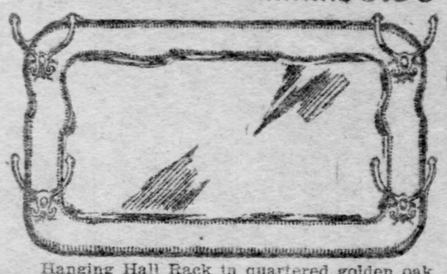
This Davenport Sofa Bed is covered with two-tone Verona. Back lowers to a level with the seat. Wardrobe box beneath seat for clothing or bed clothes. Golden oak..... $45



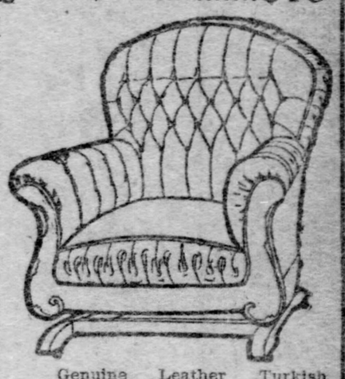
Morris Reclining Chair, in Mission oak. Loose pillow cushions, covered with leather. Back adjusts by means of a heavy coppered chain... $25



More Music Cabinets here than you'll see in any other store. The one here illustrated in quartered golden oak or mahogany finish..... $8



Hanging Hall Rack in quartered golden oak. Four double hat hooks. Pattern French bevel mirror. Value $10.50.... $8.50

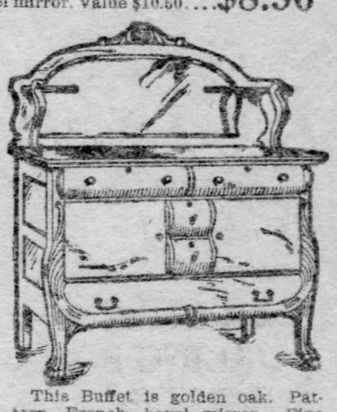


Genuine Leather Turkish Rocker. Tufted back and arms. Ruffled edge. Deep spring seat. A $52.50 Rocker for..... $42

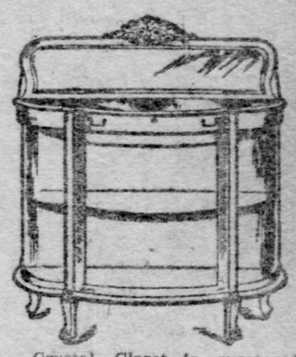
Davenport Sofa Bed. Fine golden oak frame. Deep box tufted top. Wardrobe box beneath seat. Ends turn out and back lowers to form a bed..... $55

Round Top Extension Table, square pillar. Deep rim. Quartered oak grained. Solid, substantial and a bargain. Reduced from $17.00..... $12.50

This elegant Buffet in finest quartered golden oak. Five feet wide. Round corners. Swell front. Five drawers and double cupboard. Pattern French bevel mirror..... $92



This Buffet is golden oak. Pattern French bevel mirror. Five drawers and two cupboards. Round drawer fronts. Carved front and legs..... $27.50



Crystal Closet in quartered golden oak. Bent glass ends. Pattern French bevel mirror. Drawer in top..... $45

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COMMISSION ROW WILL BE NO MORE

Thirteen Prominent Produce Firms Have Leased Quarters in Wabash Warehouses.

BOOM FOR LIBERTY AVENUE

Pittsburgh's "Commission Row" is doomed. It received its death blow yesterday, when representatives of 13 of the largest commission firms in Pittsburgh met with the officials of the Wabash-Pittsburgh Terminal Railroad Company, and arranged for new business homes under the elevated tracks of the Wabash. The firms will move next April, and for the next five years the Wabash will house the tremendous commission interests that have been in Liberty avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets, for over 60 years.

The shifting of the commission business to the Wabash territory was accomplished by Avey & Irish, who less than two months ago secured the exclusive agency for all the Wabash properties in Pittsburgh. When the matter was first taken up the Wabash officials favored it. Then objections were raised and an informal refusal was made to the requests of the commission firms. Two weeks ago President F. A. Delano and Vice President E. A. Worthington of the Wabash again considered the matter with the commission men and their brokers, and since then meetings have been held almost daily, resulting in the signing of 11 leases for 13 firms yesterday.

Vacate Almost Whole Block.

The firms which will go to the Wabash warehouses in Ferry street and Fourth avenue now occupy most of the frontage on the west side of Liberty avenue between the Smith block at the corner of Sixth street and Seventh street. Some of the dilapidated buildings there have been "green goods" houses since before the war. All of the firms have been located in this square for terms of years ranging from five to 40, and have seen the prices of property double and treble as the street grew in business importance. With one exception the buildings used by the commission houses are worth but little, and could not be used for any other purpose without a large outlay. The property owners, in order to get any kind of an income from their holdings, have charged what were termed exorbitant rents lately, and was the chief cause for the general removal now arranged.

The Wabash warehouses will be provided under the elevated tracks along Ferry street from First avenue to Third avenue, and along Fourth avenue. Each warehouse will be 21x128 feet and will contain about 5,000 square feet. They will be provided with the most modern refrigerating apparatus, heat, light and grain and barrel shutes, thus reducing the handling of produce to a minimum of labor.

Ready by April 1.

Work on the warehouses will be started at once, and every building will be completed by April 1. All the leases are for five years.

The following list shows the commission firms affected and their present and future locations. Anthony Schaub will move from 619 Liberty to 205 Ferry street; Dennis Hayes, from 621 Liberty to 101 Ferry street; the Iron City Produce Company, from 623 Liberty to the Gore lot in Fourth avenue, the triangle below the Wabash station; the M. O. Coggins Company, from 629 Liberty to 113 Ferry street; John Wallace, from 631 Liberty to 111 Ferry street; the W. E. Osborn Company, from 635 Liberty to 207 Ferry street; Renton & Co., from 641 Liberty to 103 Ferry street; E. W. West, from 641 Liberty to 103 Ferry street; C. P. Johnston & Co., from 643 Liberty to 107 Ferry street, which they will share with the Continental Creamery Company, which is now their tenant in Liberty avenue; A. M. Travis, from 645 Liberty to 109 Ferry street; the Latshaw & Feerst Company, from 645 Liberty to the engine house in Fourth avenue, below the Wabash station; H. J. McCracken & Co., from 644 Grant street to 105 Ferry street.

John Wallace is the only one of the 13 firms who owns the property he now occupies with his business. The majority of the firms in Liberty avenue have leases which expire next April. The lease of Anthony Schaub on 619 Liberty runs to April 1, 1907, and the Renton lease does not expire next spring. H. J. McCracken & Co. also have at least one more year on their Grant street lease. These leases will be sold outright or the rooms will be sub-let by the commission firms, as they are all going to the Wabash territory in the spring. Every one of the 21 Wabash warehouses is now rented.

The importance of this move can hardly be overestimated. To the commission men themselves it means an enormous saving in rents, in the cost of hauling and handling produce, and in the value of the modern conveniences which they will enjoy. For the past three years such a move has been discussed every year, but no location was found that met the approval of all the firms. A few weeks ago Charles A. Muehlbronner, president of the Iron City Produce Company, and M. O. Coggins took the initiative in the matter, and with the brokers succeeded in getting the 13 firms "lined up."

Would Not Accept Refusal.

Since then they have stood shoulder to shoulder in the demand for a new location, and would not be content with the first refusal of the Wabash to give them quarters. They will have a system of produce warehouses second to none in the United States in their accommodations, and in their close proximity to the heart of the city, where they can be easily reached from all the leading street car lines.

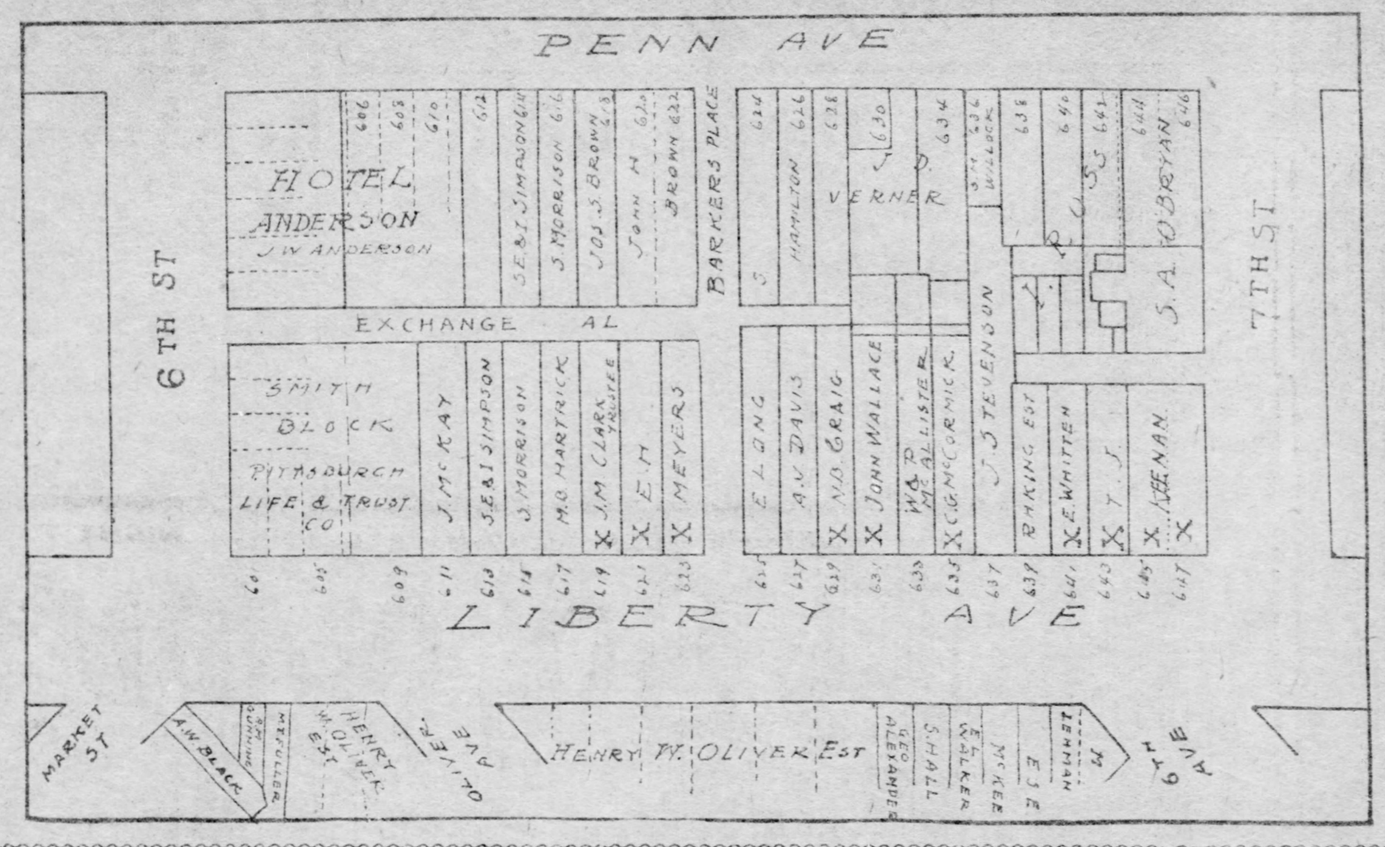
Locating the commission firms in their buildings is one of the most notable freight triumphs the Wabash has ever achieved in this territory. The receipts of every one of these 13 firms average one car a day. This makes a total of over 4,000 cars a year, most of which is perishable freight. The practical control of this freight business was a plum that was eagerly sought after, and within the last week another railroad has made strenuous efforts to land the commission firms in its territory. The lines of the Wabash and their connections reach every produce section of the United States, and the commission men are assured of the best of service.

A Doubly-Important Movement.

To Liberty avenue and the city at large the move is doubly important. For years the presence of the commission houses, with their odors and confusion, has been an obstacle to the development of Pittsburgh's only 80-foot street. Property values have been held down by the unsightly and dilapidated buildings that lined one side of the street. Investors hesitated to erect store or office buildings along a street that was blocked with produce wagons and barrels, when it was not made useless by the Pennsylvania freight trains creeping along it. Now the removal of "Commission Row" is assured and the repaving of the street that will follow the removal of the Pennsylvania tracks in a few weeks, gives assurance that Liberty avenue will have a new importance. Its width, location and level surface, make it one of the very best natural shopping centers in the city, and there is every reason to believe that where the old commission houses now stand in two years there will be costly store buildings.

The accompanying chart shows Liberty avenue in a real estate way from Sixth street to Seventh street. The sites which are to be vacated by the commission firms are maked with a cross-nine in all. In addition, the firm of James McAteer & Son, wholesale grocers, will move April 1 from 647 Liberty avenue to their new building at Penn avenue and Twenty-first street, making 10 Liberty avenue changes.

MAP OF DISTRICT EVACUATED BY COMMISSION MERCHANTS



SIDEBOARD IS BARRED BY PITTSBURGH BOARD OF TRADE

Plan to Dispense Liquid Refreshments Is an Issue in Election of Directors—Liquor Candidate Is Snowed Under.

A sideboard to dispense liquid refreshments to the thirsty will not be one of the attractions of the Pittsburgh board of trade, according to the decree of the majority of the members of that body, who on Monday night elected a directorate opposed to the admission of liquor dealers of the use of liquors in the clubhouse.

Councilman J. J. Mathews of the Nineteenth ward, who is a member of the Pittsburgh board of trade, said yesterday that the question of having a sideboard for the accommodation of the members was one of the principal factors in the contest for places on the board of directors at the election Monday night.

"Not long ago several saloonkeepers of the East End applied for membership in the board of trade, but their applications were turned down," said Councilman Mathews. "Then a well-known member became the candidate for director as an advocate of the sale of liquor to members in the rooms of the board of trade.

"The majority of the members of the board would not stand for it. We have bowling alleys, billiard tables and other amusements in the rooms in Shady avenue. A number of ministers, who are members, would not come around if liquor was sold. The candidate for director on the platform of liquid refreshments was snowed under by a big vote. We have over 900 members, and at the next meeting we expect to have over 1,000.

"The Pittsburgh board of trade is having a remarkable growth and the organization is strongly opposed to the sale of liquors on the premises. This is one of the features of the organization that is drawing the best men of the East End. They are joining our organization because at our rooms they can find a place of amusement and recreation in the evenings without the scenes common to the barroom and the average clubhouse."

DELAYED BY A WRECK.

Los Angeles Limited Across Continent Loses Time When Destination Is Nearly Reached.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—After breaking records between Chicago and a point near San Bernardino, the Los Angeles limited, making its initial trip, was held up by a Santa Fe freight wreck on a stretch of track being jointly used. As a result the new flyer was about four hours behind schedule at Los Angeles.

The delay was keenly regretted by the Union Pacific officials, as up to the place of trouble the limited was ahead of schedule. So good was the showing that it is probable the time of running between Chicago and this city will be materially reduced in the near future. The limited's passengers were delighted with the equipment and service and many courtesies. Tomorrow morning the entertainment of the newspaper representatives will begin.

Call a Rhode Island Pastor.

The congregation of the Second Presbyterian church, Wilkinsburg, decided last night to call as its pastor the Rev. George Whitfield Med, Ph. D., of the First Presbyterian church, Newport, R. I. The new pastor is a graduate of Oberlin (O.) Union and Princeton seminaries. For many years he was assistant pastor to the Rev. Dr. C. L. Thompson of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church, New York city, and author of "Parish Problems."

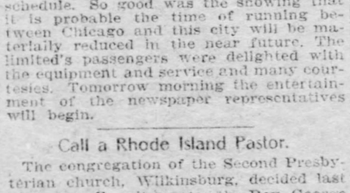
Firemen Form Relief Association.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—An application has been filed for a charter for the Firemen's Relief association of Canonsburg and South Canonsburg, Washington county. The purpose is to form the members of the volunter fire departments of the two towns into a permanent organization and to afford aid and relief to members and their families in cases of sickness, injury and death. The yearly income of the corporation is not to exceed $2,000.

Americans in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—(Special Cable.)—Among the Americans who are in Paris are L. Richard, Jr., and Mrs. Richard, of Pittsburgh.

(Established 1896.)



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TO SAVE CONSTITUTION.

Massachusetts' Officials Send Memorial to Congress to Prevent Frigate's Destruction.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Governor Douglas, Governor-Elect Guild, and the members of the executive council today signed an illuminated memorial to be presented to congress, urging the senators and representatives to save the frigate Constitution.

The memorial, which is very massive, will bear the signatures of citizens of the commonwealth. The scroll is surmounted by a large drum head of sheepskin, upon which is a painting of the battle between the Constitution and the Guerriere in 1812, and beneath it the story of the famous frigate in illuminated text.

IS GIVEN HER FEEDOM AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT

Woman Prisoner Who Entered Prison a Girl of 17 Is Pardoned After 35 Years.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 20.—When Libbie Garrabrant, who has served nearly 35 years of the 36 years of her life in prison for a murder which she says was prompted by a man she loved, was told today that she had been pardoned, she sank upon her knees and uttered a fervent prayer of thanks to the Almighty.

Then, lifting her pale, tear-stained face and gazing steadily at those who stood about her, she said: "Thank God, thank God; this will be the happiest Christmas of all my miserable life."

Following her first outburst the woman broke down and sobbed hysterically for many minutes before she could express her thanks to the court of pardons, which authorized her release, and the hundreds of men and women who have so long labored in her behalf.

Libbie Garrabrant's crime was the poisoning of Charles Burroughs of Paterson, for whom she kept house at a time his wife was serving a prison term. She says the crime was prompted by Van Winkle Bogart, who was jealous of Burroughs. Bogart was tried as an accomplice, but was acquitted. The girl, who was pretty then and only 17 years old, was convicted and sentenced to be hanged. The sentence was commuted of imprisonment for life.

Automobile Owners in the Air.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—The injunction asked by the Philadelphia Automobile club restraining the city authorities from enforcing the local ordinance of 1902, providing for the purchase and display of licenses on motor cars, was denied today by common pleas court No. 4. But the new state law that goes into effect on New Year's day expressly prohibits the display of any tags on automobiles except the two provided by the state.

Kindness Is Not Appreciated.

Peter Gallagher was locked up at No. 4 police station last night for vagrancy. He is suffering from a broken wrist, sustained while wrestling under the Eleventh street bridge two days ago. When he applied for lodging at No. 4 police station last night Sergeant Bartley offered to send him to a hospital and gave him money to pay his car fare. Wagonman Joe Gibson started Gallagher for a car, but he broke away and ran for the nearest saloon. Then he was locked up.

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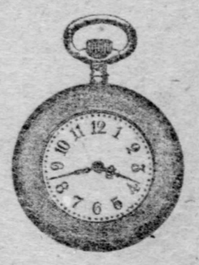

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RAILROADS.

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD.

(Eastern Standard Time.)

Leaves Station, Smithfield and Water Sts.

LINES EAST—	Depart.	Arrive.
Cumberland Accom	* 6:20 am	* 9:25 pm
Connellsville	† 6:30 am	†10:05 am
Wash., Balto. & N. Y.	* 8:00 am	* 7:45 pm
Conn'v., Un'n & Fairm't.	* 8:00 am	* 7:45 pm
West Newton Accom.	* 9:10 am	* 5:05 pm
Wash., Wash & Balto.	* 1:15 pm	* 6:00 pm
Conn'v., Un'n & Fairm't.	† 2:00 pm	†10:05 am
Connellsville	† 2:00 pm	† 5:05 pm
Connellsville Accom.	* 4:30 pm	† 5:05 pm
Morgantown, Clarksburg & Weston	† 5:00 pm	†12:20 pm
Mt. Pleasant	† 5:00 pm	† 9:00 am
Philadelphia & New York (Duquesne Limited)	* 6:20 pm	* 9:00 am
West Newton Accom.	† 6:40 pm	† 1:20 pm
Wash., Balto. & Phila.	* 9:30 pm	*7:00 am
LINES WEST VIA WHEELING.		
Wash. (Pa.) & Wheel. Ac.	* 7:00 am	* 9:10 am
Kenova and Parkersburg (Ohio Valley Express)	† 7:50 am	† 9:40 pm
Co., Cin. & St. L. Ex.	* 8:30 am	* 7:45 am
Wheeling & Kenova	* 9:20 am	* 6:00 pm
Wheeling & Parkersburg	* 1:25 pm	*11:30 am
Wash. (Pa.) & Wheeling	* 4:30 pm	*10:00 am
Wheeling & Parkersburg	* 4:30 pm	*11:30 am
Wash. (Pa.) & Wheel. Ac.	* 5:00 pm	* 4:05 pm
Col., Cin. & St. Louis Ex.	* 8:50 pm	* 7:35 pm
LINES WEST VIA AKRON.		
Cleve., Akron & Lorain	* 7:45 am	* 9:00 pm
Chicago & Cleveland	* 5:10 pm	*12:15 pm
Chicago Limited	* 8:05 pm	* 7:35 am
(Leave Allegheny.)		
Butler	† 7:00 am	† 8:00 am
Butler	‡ 7:30 am	* 9:40 am
Butler, Foxburg & Kane	† 8:15 am	† 5:10 pm
Butler, Erie	† 8:15 am	† 6:35 pm
Butler	†11:00 am	* 9:40 am
Butler, Erie	† 1:15 pm	† 1:00 pm
Ellwood City	† 1:15 pm	† 6:20 am
Butler, Clarion, Greenv.	† 3:00 pm	†10:25 am
Butler, Ellw'd & N. Castle	‡ 5:30 pm	* 9:40 am
Ellwood & New Castle	‡ 6:45 pm	* 9:40 pm
Butler	* 6:45 pm	* 5:10 pm
Butler	*11:35 pm	* 7:25 pm

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday. ‡Sunday only.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie R. R. Cleveland Short Line.

Schedule in Effect June 25, 1905.

CENTRAL TIME.	Depart.	Arrive.
Chicago, Toledo & Detroit	* 7:15 am	* 8:35 pm
Cleveland "Flyer"	* 7:15 am	* 6:20 pm
Cleveland & Youngstown Ex	* 8:15 am	* 5:00 pm
Buffalo Limited	* 9:00 am	* 5:00 pm
Cleveland, Toledo & Detroit	*12:25 pm	* 8:35 pm
Cleveland & Chautauqua	* 1:00 pm	*12:15 pm
Buffalo & Eastern Express	*12:25 pm	* 8:20 pm
Lake Chautauqua, Fast Line	*12:25 pm	* 8:20 pm
Buffalo & Erie Express	* 5:00 pm	*10:00 pm
Cleveland & Chicago Ex	* 2:20 pm	*12:15 pm
Boston Special	* 2:00 pm	* 6:35 am
Cleveland & Detroit "Flyer"	* 6:15 pm	*11:15 am
Chicago Limited	* 6:30 pm	* 6:35 am
Buffalo Express	*10:00 pm	* 6:35 am
Cleveland Night Express	*11:00 pm	* 6:35 am
Youngstown Local	† 8:30 am	† 9:00 am
Beaver Falls Local	† 9:45 am	† 5:35 pm
Beaver Falls Local	† 1:10 pm	† 2:20 pm
Beaver Falls Local	† 5:30 pm	†12:10 pm
New Castle Local	†11:55 am	† 4:10 pm
New Castle Express	† 4:20 pm	† 7:20 pm
New Castle Express	† 9:30 am	† 1:10 pm
Beaver Falls Express	† 5:25 pm	† 6:20 am
Beaver Valley Local	† 9:30 pm	† 6:45 am
Brownsville Local	† 6:10 am	† 7:00 am
Brownsville & N. Hav. Ex.	* 8:05 am	* 6:00 am
Brownsville & Brownsville	†11:50 am	†11:40 am
Brownsville & New Haven	* 5:30 pm	* 4:50 pm
Brownsville Express	* 5:20 pm	* 5:05 pm
Brownsville Express	†10:20 pm	† 4:50 pm

P., C. & Y. trains for Curwensville, Reading and Beechmont, *5:30 a. m., 12:30 p. m., †1:30 p. m. *Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

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Eastern Standard Time.	Leave.	Arrive.
Buffalo and Rochester Express (cafe observation cars and reclining chair cars)	*5:00 am	*2:40 pm
DuBois Accommodation	†9:20 pm	†11:05 am
Buffalo and Rochester Night Express (Pullman sleepers)	*10:05 pm	*7:40 am

*Daily. †Week days.

RAILROADS.

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Trains leave on Eastern Standard Time From Union Station, Pittsburgh.

FOR PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON.

Pennsylvania Special, daily, for North ..... 12.55 a. m.
Philadelphia and New York ..... 12.55 a. m.
Manhattan Limited, daily, for North Philadelphia and New York ..... 12.55 a. m.
Keystone Express, daily ..... 3.00 a. m.
The Pennsylvania Limited, daily ..... 6.45 a. m.
New York Limited, daily ..... 7.05 a. m.
Atlantic Express, daily ..... 7.30 a. m.
Main Line Express, daily ..... 8.00 a. m.
Buffalo Day Express, daily, for Buffalo ..... 9.00 a. m.
Day Express, daily ..... 12.01 p. m.
Mail Express, daily, for Baltimore and Washington ..... 12.15 p. m.
Chicago Mail, daily, for Baltimore and Washington ..... 4.50 p. m.
Eastern Express, daily, for Philadelphia and New York ..... 4.55 p. m.
New York Express, daily ..... 7.10 p. m.
Philadelphia and Washington Express, daily ..... 9.00 p. m.
New York Special, daily, for New York, Baltimore and Washington ..... 10.00 p. m.
Philadelphia Special, daily, for Philadelphia only. Sleeping cars only ..... 10.00 p. m.
Buffalo Night Express, daily, for Buffalo ..... 11.00 p. m.
For Oil City, 6.20, 9.00 a. m., 1.30, 5.05 and 11.00 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 9.00 a. m., 5.05 and 11.00 p. m.
For Titusville and Corry, 9.00 a. m. and 11.00 p. m. daily. For Titusville only, 1.30 p. m. week-days.
For Du Bois, 6.20, 9.00 a. m., 1.30 and 5.05 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 9.00 a. m. and 5.05 p. m.
For Connellsville and Uniontown 5.15, 8.20 a. m., 12.30 and 5.07 p. m. week-days, 8.00 a. m. and 4.55 p. m. Sundays.
For Brownsville and Uniontown, 10.55 a. m., 4.40 p. m. week-days and 4.50 p. m. Sundays.
For Brownsville only, 6.10, 8.20, 9.15 a. m., 1.05, 3.25, 7.20 and 11.35 p. m. week-days. 7.00, 9.50 a. m. and 1.05, 5.00 and 9.40 p. m. Sundays. For West Brownsville, 1.05 and 3.25 p. m. week-days. For Dravosburg, West Elizabeth, Monongahela City and Belle Vernon, 6.10, 8.20, 9.15, 10.55 a. m., 1.05, 3.25, 4.40 (5.25 to Monongahela City), 7.20 and 11.35 p. m. week-days. Sunday, 7.00, 9.50 a. m., 1.05, 4.30, 5.00 and 9.40 p. m.
For Butler, 3.05 and 6.10 p. m.

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TRAINS.	LEAVE.	ARRIVE.
Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis	* 1.30 am	* 1.45 am
Chicago and Cleveland	* 8.15 am	*11.35 pm
Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis	* 4.50 am	* 1.45 am
Alliance and Crestline	* 4.50 am	* 5.05 pm
Cleveland and Bellaire	* 4.50 am	† 7.05 am
New Castle and Jamestown	* 8.30 am	* 8.25 am
Ohio Valley Express	* 8.50 am	* 8.30 pm
Fort Wayne and Chicago	* 9.00 am	* 2.50 pm
Akron, Barberton and Cleveland	* 7.00 am	* 5.30 pm
New Castle and Youngstown	* 7.30 am	* 9.45 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 7.35 am	† 4.30 pm
Mercer and Oil City	* 7.45 am	†10.35 am
New Castle, Jamestown and Erie	† 1.00 pm	†12.05 pm
The Cleveland Limited	* 8.00 am	* 2.40 pm
Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis	* 8.00 am	* 6.00 am
Wellsville and Bellaire	* 8.06 am	† 4.30 pm
New Castle, Youngstown, Ashtabula	* 8.30 am	* 9.45 pm
The Toledo Special	*11.50 am	* 8.20 pm
New Castle and Jamestown	*12.00 m'n	* 8.20 pm
Columbus and Chicago	*12.30 pm	* 2.00 pm
Cleveland and Bellaire	* 1.00 pm	*12.05 am
New Castle, Youngstown, Cleveland	* 1.20 pm	* 3.15 pm
Alliance and Mansfield	* 1.35 pm	*12.40 pm
East Liverpool and Steubenville	* 4.05 pm	† 1.40 am
New Castle, Erie and Oil City	* 4.20 pm	* 8.10 pm
Youngstown and Ashtabula	* 4.30 pm	†10.35 am
The St. Louis Special	* 5.00 pm	* 3.15 am
Logansport and Chicago	* 6.00 pm	* 2.05 pm
The Cleveland Special	* 5.00 pm	*10.05 am
Wellsville and Bellaire	* 5.30 pm	† 9.30 am
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 5.45 pm	† 9.05 am
New Castle and Erie	† 6.10 pm	*12.25 am
New Castle	† 6.30 pm	* 8.50 am
The Chicago Special	* 7.00 pm	* 3.15 am
Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Louisville	* 7.15 pm	* 8.15 am
The St. Louis Limited	* 8.45 pm	* 6.50 am
The Pennsylvania Limited	* 8.55 pm	* 8.50 am
Toledo and Detroit Express	* 8.55 pm	* 6.10 am
Beaver Falls and New Castle	*10.50 pm	* 8.50 pm
Wellsville and Cleveland	*11.00 pm	* 5.40 am
The Pennsylvania Special	*11.45 pm	*11.40 pm

Leave for Washington, Pa., 9.00 am, *2.00 pm, 5.00 pm.

Leave for Washington, Pa., 9.00 am, *2.00 pm, 5.00 pm, *6.40 pm, *11.40 pm, *8.00 pm, 11.59 pm, *8.05 pm, 10.45 pm, *6.15 pm, 10.00 pm, 10.30 pm.

Leave for Wheeling, *6.50 am, *8.30 am, *11.50 am, *3.55 pm, *7.00 pm.

Leave for Steubenville *5.40 am, *9.05 am, *4.20 pm, *11.00 pm, 11.30 am.

Leave for Dennison, *5.40 am, *2.00 pm.

Leave Allegheny for Salem and Alliance, *3.25 pm.

*Every day. †Week days only. ‡Sundays only.

WABASH SYSTEM

Station, Corner Liberty Ave. and Ferry St.

Central Time—Daily.	Depart.	Arrive.
Wheeling Express	* 7:00 am	9:30 am
Toledo, St. L., Kan. City	* 8:30 am	3:00 pm
Wheel. Ex., except Sunday	4:30 pm	7:45 pm
Wheeling Sp'l, Sunday only	7:20 pm	9:45 pm
St. L., Chi., Kansas City	* 6:30 pm	6:20 am

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Cresta Blanca Riesling	.55	Liebfraumilch, '95	1.40
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Szamorodin—Imported—(Red Wine—fine flavor)	$1.75	Table d'Hote (Cresta Blanca)	$ .60
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VETO DOES NOT STOP ORDINANCE

Attorney Kaufman Calls Knoxville Burgess in Castle Shannon Railroad Case.

KEVANS LOSE WILL CASE

It will require another day to finish the testimony offered by the plaintiff, Mrs. Sybilla Kaufman, in the equity suit to restrain the execution of a lease of the Pittsburgh & Castle Shannon Railroad Company to the Pittsburgh Railways Company. W. B. Carson, secretary of the Pittsburgh Railways Company, was called for cross-examination by the plaintiff. Among the other witnesses were R. A. Gibson of Erie, R. C. Hall, the broker; Burgess Henry Henning of Knoxville, and C. F. Baxmyer, a stockholder of the Bon Air Land Company.

Attorneys Elliott Rodgers and David A. Reed, for the defendants, objected to much of the testimony and exhibits produced by Attorney Kaufman. Burgess Henning was called shortly before court adjourned. Mr. Kaufman saying he proposed to prove by this witness another link in the chain in support of the allegations made in the plaintiff's bill that the leasing of the Castle Shannon road was a fraud upon the minority stockholders, of whom the plaintiff is one.

In the allegations made by the plaintiff it is charged that the Pittsburgh Coal Company, being the majority stockholder of the Castle Shannon, was to benefit by the execution of the lease by some secret agreement in consideration of its voting for the lease of the road.

Passed Over Burgess' Veto.

By Burgess Henning, Mr. Kaufman introduced an ordinance recently enacted in Knoxville granting franchises to the Bon Air Street Railroad Company over certain borough streets. This ordinance, the witness said, was passed over his veto by the borough councils. The road connects with the Suburban line of the Pittsburgh Railways Company.

C. F. Baxmyer said the Bon Air railway right of way did not run far away from the Castle Shannon road.

Witnesses called earlier in the day were in support of his line of contention which the plaintiff's counsel began at the outset of the case. Edward Scott, J. Reymer and E. A. Gibson, testified that the Castle Shannon never abandoned the horseshoe curve, coal incline and tunnel. These witnesses testified that this route was given up about January 1, 1893, but had since been frequently used for both freight and passenger service in emergencies. The court sustained an objection to the defense to a question as to whether the route had ever been abandoned and attempts to get statements from the witnesses at to who owned the intervening land between the Castle Shannon and the Charlerol street railway were equally unsuccessful. The defense will likely open its case today.

Refused Parents' Petition.

Register George Stengel refused the petition of John and Eliza Kevan, parents of the late Mrs. Stella K. Agnew, to probate an alleged will left by Mrs. Agnew, which was said to have mysteriously disappeared shortly after Mrs. Agnew's death. Mrs. Agnew was twice married, and it was claimed had made a will before her second marriage leaving her estate to her parents. Considerable of Mrs. Agnew's estate was said to have consisted of judgments against her parents. Robert Agnew was granted letters of administration and will inherit all his wife's property, said to be worth about $17,000. He was represented by Attorneys Howard Neely and Diamond & Zacharias, while the Kevans were represented by J. Scott Ferguson.

About one month after her first husband, John Bryce, died, Mrs. Agnew is alleged to have made a will giving her estate to her parents. Subsequently she called in a servant and Mary Agnew, a sister of her husband, to witness a paper, which she told the servant was a will. Neither saw Mrs. Agnew sign it. Subsequently to this, in a conversation with some relatives, she is said to have made inquiry as to who had been opening her will an looking at it. She was so angry, it was testified, that she declared she would destroy the will and no other would be written. Scraps of paper were afterward found, but nothing to prove the contents of the document. For this reason the petition of her parents was dismissed.

Romance of Harbin.

Louis Cohen, a young Russian Jew, was tried on a charge of bigamy and the evidence introduced during the hearing of the case brought to light a romance of the Japanese-Russian war. Cohen, it was alleged, while serving with the soldiers of the czar in Manchuria deserted near Harbin. He was aided in his escape by one of the women camp followers who furnished him with money and clothing and accompanied him to a place of refuge. Cohen, it was claimed, married the woman, but afterwards deserted her and came to Pittsburgh, where he married a Jewish maiden of the hill district. The arrival of Cohen's alleged first wife in the city resulted in the suit for bigamy being entered. The jury is out in the case.

Frank Nightengale, a former collector and agent of the Prudential Insurance Company, pleaded guilty to a charge of misdemeanor in misappropriating $40 of the company's money and was sentenced three months to the workhouse. Nightengale was arrested in Philadelphia while going under the name of Fred Orris.

G. B. Henderson, P. M. Corrigan and John C. Duxford, were convicted of a misdemeanor in violating the pure food laws, but sentence was not imposed.

Other cases were: Thomas Brown, larceny, one day to the workhouse; Samuel Harvey, assault and battery, five months'; S. L. Marshall, misdemeanor, fined $100 and costs.

Recovers Amount of Policy.

A verdict for $3,675 was given to Sue Williams in her suit against the Knights Templar Mutual Benefit association, on a policy for $3,000 held by Harry G. Williams. She testified she was married to Williams in Youngstown, O., on September 12, 1883. A sister of Williams, Mrs. McDonald, testified that on his deathbed he had denied the marriage. Mrs. Williams denied this and the jury found for her. Mrs. Williams came into notice through the Allegheny graft prosecutions.

Carmelo Panetta had a domestic attachment issued against Caroli Gigilotti. The plaintiff avers the defendant is indebted to him in $1,287. He avers that he deposited $297 in the defendant's bank, 535 Grant street, this city, between September 26 last, until November 18, and that on September 12 he deposited $970 with the defendant to be applied to the payment of a draft in favor of the National Postal system in Rome, the draft being drawn on the Banca Commerciale s'Italia in Rome. It is alleged by the plaintiff that this sum has not been transferred in accordance with this draft by the defendant. It is alleged that prior to December 10, 1905, the defendant lived at 902 Fifth avenue, McKeesport, but on that date he is alleged to have left and remained away for the purpose of defrauding his creditors and preventing service of any suit or action they might bring against him.

Jury Could Not Agree.

After several hours' deliberation the jury in the case of Attorney John B. Chapman against the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railroad disagreed and was discharged. Chapman sued to recover $209, covering expenses and the value of his services for two days which he claimed to have lost by reason of a train on the defendant's line being behind schedule time.

The case of the United States vs. Nathaniel C. Mascrum, et al., condemnation proceedings to gain possession of a strip of land on the north side of the Monongahela river at lock No. 3, the government wanting the land for use in connection with the lock, is on trial in the United States court. The case was called for trial at the May term, but owing to the discussion of the award of the board of viewers by the newspapers, the case was taken from the jury and postponed until this term.

The will of John Yunker of McKees Rocks, leaves $1,000 to St. Mary's Catholic church; $200 to St. Joseph's Orphan asylum, and $100 to the Little Sisters of the Poor. The balance of the $5,000 estate goes to his wife. Andrew Schoen of Penn township, left an estate of $15,000 in trust for his wife and children. Susan A. Sherrick, in a will written on a visiting card, left $100 to Jacob Ilow, $200 to Annie Row and the balance of a $3,000 estate to her husband.

Trouble Between Partners.

C. H. Beighley has filed an answer to the equity suit of William J. McIntyre, Jr., an action for an accounting of a partnership. The defendant avers the plaintiff gradually shirked his part of the work, and that during June, July, August and September last, failed to do any part of the partnership business. The defendant says he is willing to account to the plaintiff, but avers that this will show losses of which the plaintiff must bear one-half. The defendant asserts that these losses were caused largely by the plaintiff's inattention to business. The defendant admits he withdrew from the partnership and began business for himself.

Eli H. Johnston was awarded a verdict of $4,000 against the city of McKeesport for personal injuries.

The bond of William J. Diehl, receiver of the Savings Fund Loan association, in $50,000 with the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, of Baltimore, Md., as surety, was filed and approved.

Levi De Wolf has entered an appearance by his attorney, Josiah Cohen, to the suit of Mrs. Mildred Morrow who wants $50,000, alleging breach of promise to marry her.

A suit for $10,000 damages has been entered by E. A. Starkweather against F. H. Paul. Both men are dentists. The plaintiff alleges the defendant charged him with the larceny of office fixtures and instruments, and that the grand jury ignored the bill against him.

Married Bliss Was Brief.

The commissioners report in the divorce case of James Cousins against Lillian Cousins was filed. Cousins testified that they were married April 11, 1903, quarreled the night after the wedding and he had not lived with her since. He was paying his wife $2 a week under order of court and she asked him "if he thought that measly $2 would keep her?" She added that two or three men were keeping her. One of these men, Cousins said, admitted being intimate with his wife and he also said he had seen Mrs. Cousins visit a certain house with five different men.

The testimony taken in the case of Hattie E. Ligon against William L. Ligon shows that they were married in 1892. Mrs. Ligon testified that her husband began to stay away at night and after she had seen him enter a house she had not lived with him again. They have a son 11 years old. Jeannette Shearer in her case against John B. Shearer alleges desertion.

A decree was granted in the case of Dora Wellendorf on the ground of cruel and barbarous treatment.

True bills were returned by the grand jury were false pretense, William Bluestone, William Fife, R. W. Reanochey, W. H. Smith; felony, John Haverson, Clarence Woolheater; larceny, Leo Seibert, John Whitecross; felonious assault, Martin Kirk, Ernest Steward, G. W. Young; larceny from the person, Hattie Lours, James O'Connell; entering a building, Simon Levy; perjury, E. Bannister, James Jaffe; riot, James Docener et. al.; larceny by bailee, Urigo Herbo et. al, James Wentz; keeping a disorderly house, William Jackson; malicious mischief, C. H. Bull; assault and battery, Dave Wilbert, "Abe" Bennett, William Bankerd, Edward Davis, Henry McCabe, John Knollinger, Frank Parella, P. Williams; misdemeanor, Thomas Broderick, Meyer Freidman, Reuben Rooenberg, D. C. Savern, J. W. Thorne.

The Central Accident Insurance Company in an affidavit of defense to the suit of Willis J. Hollings for $2,080 on a policy, denies any indebtedness to him under the policy. It is alleged by the defendant that Hollings was not hurt while riding on a car, but while boarding one. It is also alleged that the suit was not commenced within the time limit fixed by the policy.

L. L. Burkhart sues John Hoffman and wife for $5,000 damages, alleging false arrest. John Paischeidar sues Philip Zang for $5,000 damages alleging slander.

Linolype Companies in Court.

LONDON, Dec. 20—The dispute between the American and British linotype companies has reached the courts. The latter brought an action against the Americans, alleging infringement of their trade mark in offering machines in the British companies' territory. The Americans replied by attacking the validity of the trade mark and asking the court to order it expunged from the register. A judge in chancery decided the case should go to trial.

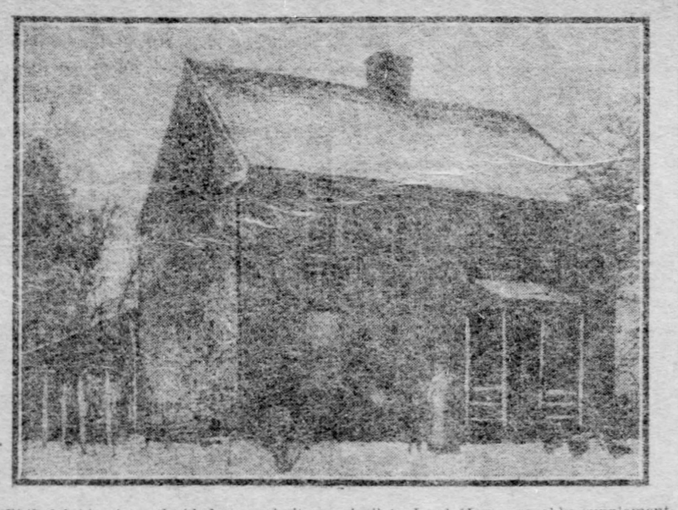
Christmas Gift Is Missing.

John Mascocos is in No. 6 police station, charged with larceny. Giuseppe Domenicone told Magistrate Negley that Mascocos took a crisp new $5 bill that he had intended sending to a friend for Christmas. The prosecutor alleges he laid the money on a table and left the room. When he returned the money and Domenicone were missing.

Dies of Hiccoughs.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—An attack of hiccoughs caused the death of William Jerred at Thorn Hill last night. He was born in Exeter, England, and came to this country in 1860. He leaves a family of grown children, besides 15 grandchildren.

A TOM PAINE LANDMARK PASSING



Philadelphia has decided to admit a bust of Tom Paine to her Independence hall. New Rochelle, where the patriot and thinker died, has at last accepted a monument in his honor. Yet not keen enough has been the awakening of his country to the merits of this "man who in himself shows best how the heterodoxy of yesterday is the orthodoxy of today," to save from the "hand of progressive improvement" the quaint old house at York, Pa., where the "Second" and "Third Crisis" were written. The ground on which it is standing has been cut up into building lots and the ancient dwelling is itself being extensively (and hopelessly) "modernized."

Here it was that Paine lived during the winter of 1777-78, while the Continental Congress was holding its troubled sessions in the colonial court house in York, or Yorktown, as then it was officially called. Washington's bare-footed army was encamped at Valley Forge, the British cause was "looking up," the congressional delegates of the struggling little republic knew not where to turn—and then in the low-ceilinged bedroom of this forgotten old farm house Thomas Paine wrote that "Open Letter of Advice" to Lord Howe, so ably supplementing his First Crisis, that it has come to be known as a second.

And in that same room, when five months had passed and things American had begun to look a little better to the world, Paine wrote that "Third Crisis," nominally celebrating the anniversary of the battle of Lexington, but in reality urging his congressional brethren to exact an oath of allegiance from all who claimed to uphold the cause of the infant government, increasing its revenues at the expense of such as might refuse. Let it be added that the proceeds from both of these pamphlets Paine, as had already become his custom, devoted to the cause of independence.

"Progress," however, has scant respect for mere association; "modern comforts" seldom yield to landmarks of history. And "Tom" Paine's home at York is already a thing of yesterday, save to that wiser traveler who may see behind 20th century "furnishings" the figure of the patriot, a tallow dip at his elbow, writing out from his heart help for those who with him lived in those "times that tried men's souls."

WARWICK JAMES PRICE.

LEGAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE TEACHERS

Members of the Teacher's association are angry over the action of the Central board of education in approving the work of the salary commission. It is intimated that unless they are given permission to see their examination papers, legal steps to compel the commission to deliver them will be taken. Miss Clara Moffit president of the association, would not deny yesterday that legal action would be taken, neither would she affirm the report. The next regular meeting of the association will not be held until March, but a special meeting may be called to act on the matter.

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"It's me that has no place to lay me head; me wrist's broken and I'm sure without a friend in the wor-rld."

He looked the part as he stumbled into the Oakland police station last night and looked pleadingly at the sergeant. He explained that he had injured his arm while engaged in a friendly wrestling bout with a "friend from Elizabeth," but it was likewise evident that he had been worsted in a more serious bout with John Barleycorn. He had been exposed to the rain for several hours and his ragged clothing was soaked with water.

"Where did you work last and what's your name?" asked the sergeant.

"Me name's Gallagher. Let me think a while before I can raymember where it was that I wor-rked."

He studied hard for a moment. Then he looked up.

"Aye! It was high on to the hospital that's over forninst Silver La-ake."

"When was that?"

"Ooh, Lor-rd! An' how is it that ye'd be aixpectin' me to raymember?"

The sergeant suggested that the hospital would be a good place for Gallagher to go with his swollen arm, and, giving him a nickel, told him to get on a Larimer avenue car and go to the East End hospital. In order to be sure that he would get the right car, a wagonman was ordered to start him aright. They stood together for 10 minutes in the rain until a Larimer avenue car hove in sight.

"Get on there and you'll be all right, Gallagher," said the wagonman, as he ducked back to the station house.

But the car didn't stop. It rushed straight ahead and whirled away around the bend at the Hotel Schenley. The wagonman looked for Gallagher and soon was rewarded by seeing him running down Boyne street. The wagonman started in pursuit. For a few minutes it was a hot race, but Gallagher's steering gear was not working properly and he had a bad list to starboard. He tried to turn a corner at an alley, but was off on the port tack and ran up against the weather, being compelled to heave to, and the officer ran him down.

"Where were you running to?" inquired the officer.

"Shure, it was to spend that nickel," confessed Gallagher.

Ten minutes later he was sitting in the station, having his injured limb dressed by the police physician. He was locked up on the charge of vagrancy.

"Och, if I had me hands on that blackguard from Elizabeth," said Gallagher, as he was led to a cell.

Nothing can equal our own dressed Ohio turkeys this Christmas. McCann & Co., 403-10 Market street.

WIFE ATTACKS HUSBAND WHO REPUDIATES CHILD

Wealthy Divorced Couple of Erie In Sensational Scene Following Suit Involving Fortune.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Agnes D. Nagle, who is suing her multi-millionaire husband, Theodore M. Nagle of Erie, Pa., to secure provision for her 7-year-old daughter, came face to face with her divorced husband today at the door of the desertion court in city hall.

The sight of her husband seemed to enrage Mrs. Nagle, and without any warning she sprang at him and struck him violently in the face. He went reeling against the wall of the corridor, and the woman started toward him again when a watchman interfered.

The meeting took place after Judge Davis had granted a postponement, and just after Mrs. Nagle had been informed that her divorced husband had sworn out an affidavit, asking for a trial by jury, in which he repudiated the paternity of the little girl, who, if Mrs. Nagle wins her suit, will become an heiress to a share of Mr. Nagle's fortune amounting to $15,000,000.

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We show a splendidly assorted line of men's vests to be worn on formal occasions. They are made from finest French piques, either plain or fancily patterned, single or double-breasted. Correctly cut, plain white, pearl or fancy buttons. Prices $2 to $7.

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With special price inducements in our trouser section we are trying to incline thrifty folks to purchase these necessary garments for "this" Xmas gifts. We are showing a splendid line of fine trousers, made from stylish materials, correctly cut, $3 and $5.

Gentlemen's apparel for formal occasions

THE many social amenities cannot be dignifiedly and conscientiously performed unless one's attire is appropriate to the occasion. Here—EVERYTHING for EVERY occasion—those conventional garments that man must wear on all occasions "after 6."

It is disastrously expensive for most men to resort to the "exclusive" custom tailor when it comes to a full dress or dinner suit, for it is with these garments that the "exclusive" tailor realizes his greatest income. Our garments are as good as can be made; the materials, style and workmanship are of as high a standard as any tailor can execute—but our prices are 20 to 50 per cent lower than elsewhere.

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Tailored in best possible manner from splendid quality unfinished worsteds. The styles are "right up to the minute," linings and trimmings above criticism. All in all, garments that will appeal to the most critical and discriminating dressers. Special offer this week at..... $18

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If you are in a quandary as to what to give him for his Xmas, we suggest:

Full dress white shirts — Complete line of the celebrated makes such as E. & W. and Monarch, other cuffs attached or detached. Coat style. Also fine pleated shirts. Prices $1 to $2

Full dress protectors of fine imported Barathea and peau de soie silks, white silk or satin linings. Some exquisite hand-painted effects. Also fine grey and white and black reefers of peau de crepe. These are decidedly new and will be greatly appreciated by any gentleman. Prices $1 to $6

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GIVE him a "Wescutt" knit vest. They are quite the proper caper for gentlemen's wear. Made from choicest materials in beautiful patterns. Smart bound edge effects. Prices moderate.

Fancy suspenders, made in various shades and patterns of fine French webbing. They bear ornamental gold and silver buckles and are encased in a handsome box all ready for the recipient. All the way from..... 50c to $5

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THE largest selection of dainty waists in silk, laces and lawns in the greater city. Prices extremely moderate, considering the high quality of materials and choiceness of design.

$2.95 for waists, worth $5. Made of Arabian lace with pointed lace yokes. Lined throughout with silk. Short or long sleeves. Also Jap silks with embroidered fronts. $5 values at the Sale Price of..... $2.95

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White mull waists at $2.95 and $3.95.

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FOR gifts; for yourself; what is more practical or possesses more utility than a good pair of shoes? Look to it that you don't go hobbling about after Xmas with poor footwear. You know of several of your friends, relatives or acquaintances who would return smiling thanks for a pair of shoes.

If you are not quite sure of the size secure a shoe certificate and let the recipient select for themselves.

Women's $3.50 shoes for $2.35. College cut, made of fine patent kid with short tops, button style, dull buttons. Special for today only, pair..... $2.35

Another very special offer for women. Every remaining pair of those $4 kid lined box calf lace shoes which created such a furore at $2.10, we offer for today at..... $1.75

Here's a special offer for the men—black and tan extra-high cut storm shoes, waterproof. Made of genuine imported English grain leather. Substantially made. Not in the least cumbersome or awkward. For those who are exposed to hard going under foot these are just the proper shoes. $5 values today for..... $2.55

Special offer of men's Xmas slippers. Only 750 pairs of these black and tan vici kid slippers in Opera and Everett styles. $1.50 values for.... 98c

What our basement affords in the way of Xmas suggestions

Picture department

Pictures, 5x7, select landscape, den and color designs; worth 25c, at..... 10c

Frames, single opening, gilt or black finish; 25c value..... 15c

Frames, two opening, gilt or black; 35c values, at..... 19c

Phonographs

Complete line of Edison and Victor machines, special offering today of $5 talking machines at..... $2.98

Disc records, 50c. Cylinder records, 25c.

Reading lamps

Special outfit. Consisting of fancy stand, decorated or green shade, with hose and lamp complete..... $2.50

Reading lamps, handsome and heavy stand, Cupid or column designs, with fancy shape green shade, with fringe. Complete with burner..... $3.95

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Dolls are on third floor

Three special items for today that will attract gift seekers, after making the rounds of our basement to the splendid Doll Department on the Third Floor.

Kid body dolls, 18 in. high, fine bisque head, beautiful face, curly wig, hats, shoes and stockings. Regular $2 value, today only..... 95c

Jointed dolls, in all sizes. Special assortment..... 50c

Large varieties ranging in price up to $8.

Dress dolls, beautiful faces, many styles of costumes. One assortment as low as..... 25c

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Balky mule, a well-known 50c toy, at..... 29c

Rockers or chairs with arms, painted red..... 50c

Iron express wagons, body painted red..... 75c

Velocipedes, strong steel wheels, special..... $1.19

Steam engines at..... 98c

Granite kitchen utensils..... 25c

Combination boards, including a number of games..... $1.50

Iron wagons, large size iron toy, at..... 75c

Shoo-flies with upholstered seat..... 98c

Go-carts, fancy reed, with steel rim wheels..... 50c

Games, choice of any game worth up to $1.00 at..... 50c

Magic lanterns with slides, complete..... 48c

Shoo-Fly, plain seat, specially priced for today at the sale figure of, each..... 50c

Trunks with inside compartment. A most exceptional offering at the sale price of only..... 50c

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Grocery store, with bins, counters, etc. A very attracting toy at the low sale price of..... 25c

Mess for Christmas trees priced at..... 10c

THE PHANTOM TORPEDO BOAT

Being the Secret History of the Russo-Japanese War.

By "A. V."

Author of "Underground History; the Revelations of an International Spy."

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(Continued from Yesterday.)

It was late when I arrived, but I determined to lose no time in seeing how far the secret orders of the kaiser extended.

Accordingly, as soon as I had dined, I went out and took my way toward the government dockyard.

The entrance to the dockyard was guarded by a sentry with fixed bayonet. Behind him I saw a large iron gate which appeared to be heavily barred, with a small postern at one side, which was also closed.

I advanced toward the sentry, expecting every moment to hear a challenge ring out. To my genuine astonishment, nothing of the kind occurred. The sentry did not pay the slightest attention to me, but went on pacing to and fro as though I had been wearing a cap of invisibility.

I went up to the postern door, and tried the handle. It opened at a touch, and I found myself alone in the deserted dockyard.

For some time I groped my way forward by the light of the few scattered electric lights, till I reached the edge of a large basin, which appeared to communicate with the outer harbor of Kiel.

Turning the opposite way, I went along the edge of the wharf, picking my way among timber balks, stacks of iron sheeting, chains, ropes and all the other things that are found scattered about a naval dockyard.

At the head of the great basin I found a lock giving access to a small inner dock, in which a number of vessels were moored.

I made my way around, searching everywhere for the vessels I had been told I should find.

At last, in the farthest and most secluded corner, I perceived a row of small craft, shaped much like a shark, with a long, narrow tube or funnel rising up from the center of each.

They lay low in the water, without being submerged. Alone among the shipping they carried no riding lights. They appeared dark, silent and deserted.

Almost unconsciously I ran my eye along them, counting them as they lay. Suddenly I was aroused to keen attention.

One—two—three—four—five. The kaiser had assured me that I should find six submarines to choose from.

I counted once more with straining eyes. One—two—three—four—five.

One of the mysterious craft had been taken away.

CHAPTER XXXI.

The Kiel Canal.

It was impossible to resist the conclusion suggested by the absence of the sixth submarine.

I was not the only person who had been authorized, or rather instructed, to carry out the design against the Baltic fleet. My august employer had thought it better to have two strings to his bow.

Who, then, was the person by whom I had been anticipated?

To this question an answer suggested itself which I was tempted to reject, but which haunted me, and would not be dismissed.

The Princess Y—— had arrived in Berlin twelve hours before me. She had come, fully believing that Petrovitch was dead, and prepared to take his place.

She had interviewed Finkelstein, as I knew. Was it not possible that she, also, had been received in the crypt at Potsdam, had been shown the chart of the North Sea, with its ominous red lines, and had accepted the task of launching one of the submarines on its fatal errand?

In spite of all the stories which had been told me of Sophia's daring and resource, in spite of my own experiences of her adventures and reckless proceedings, I did not go so far as to credit her with having proceeded to sea in the missing craft.

But it struck me as altogether in keeping with her character that she would have arranged for the withdrawal of the boat provided it with a crew, and dispatched it fully instructed as to the work to be done.

But whether these suspicions were well founded or otherwise, of one thing there could be no doubt. A submarine had been taken by some one, and was now on its way to the North Sea, to lie in wait for the ships of Admiral Rojestvensky.

This discovery entirely changed the position for me.

I had come down to Kiel intending to take a submarine out to sea, to watch for the approach of the Russian fleet, and to take whatever steps proved practicable to avert any collision between it and the fishing-boats on the Dogger bank.

I now saw that the chance of my preventing a catastrophe depended entirely on the movements of the boat which had left already. This boat had become my objective, to use a strategical phrase.

Somewhere in the North Sea was a submarine boat, charged with the mission of provoking a world-wide war. And that boat I had to find.

There was no time to be lost. I hastened back by the most direct way I could find, to the dockyard gates. The little postern was still unlocked, and I passed out, the sentry again taking no notice of my passage.

But at the first street corner I saw a man in seafaring dress who fixed a very keen gaze on me as I came up, and saluted me by touching his cap.

"Good-night," I said in a friendly voice, slowing down in my walk.

"Good-night, sir. Beg pardon, Captain," —he came and moved along beside me— "but you don't happen to know of a job for a seafaring man, I suppose?"

I stopped dead, and looked him straight in the eyes.

"How many men do you estimate are required to navigate a submarine?" I asked.

"Fifteen," was the prompt answer.

"How soon can you have them here?" was my next question.

The fellow glanced at his watch.

"It's half-past eleven now, Captain. I could collect them and bring them here by half-past one."

"Do it, then," I returned and walked swiftly away.

The whole thing, it was evident, had been prearranged, and I did not choose to waste time in mock negotiations.

I went back to my inn to wait, but there was nothing for me to do, except examine the cartridges in my revolver. I was not quite sure how much my crew had been told, and I thought it just possible that I might have some trouble with them when they found out the nature of my proceedings.

Punctually at the hour fixed I returned to the street outside the dockyard, where I found fifteen men assembled.

Glancing over them, I formed the opinion that they were picked men, on whom I could have relied thoroughly for the work I had been ordered to do, but but who might be all the more likely to mutiny if they suspected that I was playing false.

I stood in front of them in the silence of the street.

"Now, my men, if there is any one of you who is not prepared to obey me, even if I order him to scuttle the ship, let him fall out before we start."

Not a man stirred. Not an eyelash quivered. The German discipline had done its work.

"I give you notice that the first man who hesitates to carry out my orders will be shot."

The threat was received with perfect resignation.

"Follow me."

I turned on my heel, and led the way to the dockyard gates, the men marching with a regular tramp which could only have been acquired on the deck of a man-of-war.

The sentry was, if possible, more indifferent to our approach than he had been when I had been alone. I threw open the wicket, and bade the last man close it.

Then we marched in the same order to the place where the five submarines were moored.

"I am going on board one of these boats," I announced. "Find something to take us off."

The man whom I had engaged originally, taking on himself the part of mate, repeated my directions. A large whaleboat was found tied up in a convenient spot beside the wharf.

We all got in, and I took the tiller. The mate, who answered to the Russian name of Orloff, though the only language I heard him speak was German, said nothing until I brought the whale-boat alongside of the nearest submarine.

"I beg pardon, Captain, but I have a fancy that the boat at the far end is in better trim, if you have no choice."

"Why didn't you tell me so at once?" I returned sharply, not too well pleased to find him so well informed.

We boarded the submarine pointed out, and found it, of course, provided with everything necessary for an immediate departure, including provisions for a week.

"You understand the navigation of the canal, I suppose?" I inquired of Orloff.

"I do, sir."

"Very good. Take the boat through. And ascertain all you can about another submarine which must have passed through yesterday. Wake me if you hear or see anything."

I lay down in the captain's berth and tried to sleep. But the excitement and, I may say, the romantic interest of the adventure proved too strong for me.

I rose again, and came to where my deputy was seated, carefully conning the boat out of the dockyard basin into the Baltic end of the great canal.

We were already submerged, only the tip of our conning staff being out of the water. But by an ingenious system of tiny mirrors the steersman was able to see his way as plainly as if he had been on deck above the surface.

On approaching the lock by which the basin opened into the canal, no signal appeared to be given. Silently, as if of their own accord, the huge sluices opened and shut, and we glided out into the great waterway which has made the German navy independent of Danish goodwill.

The voyage along the Kiel canal in the silence of the night was deeply interesting, and were I not obliged to restrict myself severely to the naked outline of such facts as bear directly on the catastrophe, I should like to attempt a description of the weird and picturesque scene.

Keeping steadily just under the surface, we proceeded swiftly past ports and villages and lonely wharves, till the stars paled and disappeared and a faint flush overspreading the sky in front warned us that day was breaking behind us.

I searched the banks for anything resembling the craft of which I was in search, but in vain. We passed many other ships, chiefly merchantmen bound for Lubeck and Dantzig and other Baltic ports, but of course without being perceived ourselves.

When we reached the mouth of the canal, I ordered Orloff to stop.

"I must go ashore here, and inquire about the other boat," I explained.

I saw from the expression of his face that this step was not quite to his liking, but he did not venture on any remonstrance.

He brought the boat alongside the bank, and raised her gently to the surface, to enable me to step on shore.

But my quest proved useless, as perhaps I ought to have foreseen.

The harbor-master, or port captain, to whom I addressed myself, affected the most entire ignorance of the exit of any submarine within the last week and more.

"What you suggest is impossible," he assured me. "Every submarine is well known, and carefully guarded, and if one had been permitted to leave Kiel by way of the canal, I should have been notified in advance. No such notification has reached me, and therefore, as you will see, no such boat can possibly have left."

I suspected that he was lying, but I thought it unsafe to persist.

It occurred to me too late that I had been guilty of some imprudence in showing so much anxiety on the subject. It was only too probable that my inquiries would be reported to the Kaiser, who would draw his own inferences in the event of anything going wrong.

I returned on board my own boat, saying nothing to Orloff, and gave the order to proceed.

Orloff had handed over the wheel to one of his subordinates, who steered the submarine out into the blue waters of the North Sea.

As soon as we were well out of reach of the Slevig shore, I said to the steersman,

"Now I will take the helm."

Instead of promptly relinquishing it to me, the man turned his head in search of Orloff, saying at the same time,

"Do you understand the course, sir?"

I saw that if I meant to be master of the vessel, I must prove that my words of the night before were spoken in earnest. I drew my revolver, and put a bullet through the mutineer's head.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

Recovers from Wound.

Hugh Hamilton, who was shot while in a restaurant by Anthony Olson, October 3, was discharged from the Homeopathic hospital yesterday, and went to his home in Greensboro.

DEAL FOR PERE MARQUETTE REPUDIATED BY THE C. H. & D.

Lease Declared to Be Contrary to Ohio Laws and Receiver Directed to Return Property to Its Original Owner.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of directors of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway Company here today a resolution was passed, rescinding, revoking and annulling every resolution and contract adopted or entered into by the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway Company authorizing, or purporting to authorize, the lease of the railroads of the Pere Marquette Railroad Company, counsel having advised that such resolutions and contracts are in contravention of the laws of the state of Ohio, and are beyond the corporate power of the company.

The president and other proper officers of the company were authorized to take all legal steps to carry this resolution into effect, including the surrender to the Pere Marquette Railroad Company or its receiver, of all property received or held by the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway Company in consequence of any such resolutions or lease, and to surrender all the capital stock of the Pere Marquette Railroad Company.

Judson Harmon, receiver of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton was requested to apply to the courts for authority to take such action as may be proper to carry out the provisions of the resolutions. A communication was received from W. A. Bradford, Jr., president of the Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Railroad Company, as a consequence of which resolutions were adopted that the directors rescinded and annulled any and all actions and obligations in connection with the acquisition of any interest in the Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville.

The board of directors of the Pere Marquette also held a meeting and decided that, while the lease referred to by the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton was illegal and should be terminated, because of the fact that the board was not advised of the attitude of the stockholders of the Pere Marquette, the resolution be laid on the table. A meeting of the stockholders of the Pere Marquette will be held in Detroit February 2, at 11 a. m.

NEWS OF NEARBY TOWNS AND COUNTRY

STATE POLICE OFFICERS RECEIVE APPOINTMENTS

Captain Groom Announces the Locations of Troops A. B. C. D. and the Names of Officers.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

HARRISBURG, Dec. 20.—Capt. John C. Groome, superintendent of the state police, issued orders today announcing the following designations and assignments:

Troop "A," Greensburg, captain, John W. Borland; lieutenant, Charles F. Fuerstein; first sergeant, Leonard A. Haskett; sergeants, Thomas M. Harris, Jr., Leon Pitcher, Lynn G. Adams, John P. F. Goman.

Troop "B," Wilkes-Barre, captain, Frank D. Beary; lieutenant, William L. Stearns; first sergeant, Harry C. Dimon; sergeants, Jesse S. Garwood, William E. Nair, John T. Walsh, Herbert P. Hunt.

Troop "C," Reading, captain, William P. Taylor; lieutenant, Charles P. Smith; first sergeant, Josiah L. Reese; sergeants, Marshall C. Wilhelm, Wilson C. Price, John S. Van Voorhis.

Troop "D," Punxsutawney, captain, Joseph R. Robinson; lieutenant, Henry F. Egle; first sergeant, George F. Lumb; sergeants, Matthew T. E. Ward, William Marsh, Charles G. Hoddy, Joseph F. Logan.

Take no chances on Christmas turkeys, ducks and chickens. McCann & Co., 403-10 Market street.

MURDER TRIAL CLOSES.

Jury Trying Mrs. M. Payton for Death of Her Husband Will Be Given Case Today.

FAIRMONT, W. VA., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Helen May Payton, on trial for the alleged murder of her husband, Jacob N. Payton, was on the witness stand in her own behalf most of the day. She stated that Payton had made two unsuccessful attempts at suicide in her presence. This morning Mrs. Payton again hinted that her husband was connected with the Floyd murder case, and said that he threatened to blow up the Hamilton building in Mannington, W. Va., where they lived.

She repeated that she believed he committed suicide because he was afraid his crimes would become known. It was rumored this evening that Mrs. Payton and her alleged accomplice, Frank Wright, were married two weeks after Payton's death. The defendants will neither deny nor affirm this rumor. The case will go to the jury tomorrow.

No Trading Stamps After March 1.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Retail Merchants' association of Washington at a meeting today passed a resolution indorsing the movement started recently among local merchants for the abolition of the trading stamp nuisance. Nearly all the leading merchants of the town have agreed to discontinue the issuance of trading stamps after March 1, 1906.

DR. ATHERTON REQUESTS TO BE RELIEVED OF DUTY

President of State College Wishes to Resign Because of Continued Ill Health.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

STATE COLLEGE, PA., Dec. 20.—It was announced here today that Dr. George W. Atherton has asked to be relieved of the presidency of the Pennsylvania State College, and that a committee of the board of trustees has been appointed to look up a successor.

In the meantime Dr. Atherton has been granted a leave of absence until the opening of the spring term, when, if a suitable man has been found to succeed him, his resignation will be formally tendered and promptly accepted. Ill-health is given as the reason.

Dr. Atherton is past 68 years of age, and has been president of the college since 1882.

Woman Charged With Murder Dying.

MARIETTA, PA., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ida Uhl, who is confined in the Athens asylum, it is reported, can live but a few days. She is charged with the murder of her husband, Edgar Uhl, Sr., jointly with her son, Eddie, who, when apprised of his mother's condition wept bitterly. Should Mrs. Uhl die the state will have difficulty in proving Eddie Uhl committed the crime.

PARDON PITTSBURGH MEN.

State Board Recommends Release of Lewis and Harry Americus and David Ross.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 20.—Pardons were recommended by the board of pardons today for Lewis and Harry Americus and David Ross of Allegheny, manslaughter; and Joseph Fuller of Beaver county, manslaughter.

Pardons were refused Charles H. Alward, Allegheny, forgery; and Rosatio Defatta, Allegheny, unlawful cutting and wounding. The case of George Anderson of Allegheny, burglary, was stricken from the list. The case of Frank Joy, Allegheny, conspiracy; George Cooper, Bedford, assault; Maier Katz, Columbia, horse stealing; Joseph Gibson, Philadelphia, first degree murder, and Eugene Spriggs, Chester, involuntary manslaughter, were continued until the January meeting. In the case of William Jones of Delaware county, first degree murder, commutation of the sentence was recommended.

Given Verdict for $3,000.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A Washington county jury this afternoon returned a verdict of $3,000 for Marcellus Riggs of Coal Center against the Stockdale Coal Company. Riggs claimed in his suit that the defendant company had unlawfully mined the coal under his property. Riggs sued for $12,084.20.

SMALL BOY DIES AFTER DRINKING PINT OF WHISKY

WHEELING, W. VA., Dec. 20.—Willie Digity, aged eight, son of Thomas Digity, a laborer of Bellaire, is dead and Patrick Connolly, aged nine, son of Patrick Connolly, a railroad man, is lying unconscious at his home, the result of drinking a pint of whisky. The boys were missing from their home last night and searchers found Digity lying face down in a shallow pool and Connolly on a cinder bank nearby. Examination by physicians and the presence of empty whisky bottles, proved the case to be alcoholism. Connolly may die.

Hogue's Death Due to Fall.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Coroner Cox held an inquest this afternoon at Wampum over the remains of John Hogue, whose lifeless body was found lying under the Pennsylvania overhead crossing there this morning by Vance Kildoo. The verdict returned was that Hogue's death was due to accident. He probably fell from the bridge while on his way to his home at Newport. He was 54 years of age and is survived by his widow and two children.

Pulls Trigger and Sees the Doctor.

Frank Sloane, an Italian, aged 22, of 38 Branch street, Allegheny, was shot in the right leg yesterday while he was cleaning a flobert rifle. He did not know the gun was loaded, and pulled the trigger to see if it was working properly. The wound was dressed by a physician.

OPEN TILL 10 Tonight

KAUFMANN'S "THE BIG STORE"

OPEN TILL 10 Tonight

SHUFFLING OFF FIFTY BIG SHOW TOYS AT CUT PRICES

EVERY year we buy a hundred or more large, elaborate and expensive toys especially for Christmas window displays and to make the toy floor a more interesting place. These having served their Holiday purpose this year we'll now close out all that remain at a big reduction. We describe a few:

Humpty Dumpty Circus — Largest size, 8 clowns and acrobats, 7 animals, chairs, ladders, barrels, etc. $10 regularly. Now cut to..... 6.98

Mechanical Railroad Trains — Large locomotive, tender, passenger car and baggage car, spring-running device with track. $34.50 regular. Now cut to..... 22.50

Imported Parisian Doll — Nearly 3 feet tall, elaborately gowned, in ribbon-trimmed lace robe, hat to match. $45 regular. Now cut to..... 29.50

Child's Dressing Table — White enamel table, decorated with hand painted flowers, mirror-back, three drawers and two closets. $6.48 regular. Now cut to..... 4.50

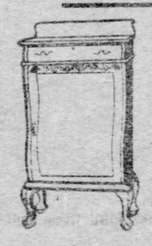
Mission Bookcase Desk — Substantially built desk, with lock-lid, five inside pigeonholes and three book shelves. $8.98 regular. Now cut to..... 5.98

Imported Doll Dishes — Largest size sets in Austrian China, Cobalt blue with Watteau decorations, 21 pieces. $5.98 regular. Now cut to..... 3.87

Large Horse and Cart — Horse covered with real hair, mounted on wheeled platform. Cart substantially constructed. $15.80, now cut to..... 10.50

Imported Rocking Horse — Large as a real pony, covered with real hair, with adjustable saddle. $27.50 regular. Now cut to..... 12.50

FURNITURE



All furniture bought Today or Friday will be delivered at any point our wagons reach in time to serve its Christmas purpose. Better not delay purchases longer than Friday evening.

Music Cabinets—Mahogany Cabinets, large size and the best cabinet work, with double swell carved doors and small drawer at top, piano polish finish, a regular $20 cabinet for..... 13.75

Still Other Music Cabinets:

$6 Mahogany Music Cabinets for 3.49.

$11 Inlaid Mahogany Cabinets for 7.49.

$13 Mahogany Cabinets for 14.75.

Desks—Ladies' Secretaries, in many dainty styles.

$7.50 Mahogany Desks for 3.98.

$12.50 Inlaid Mahogany Desks for 7.49.

$20 Mahogany Desks, 13.75.

(Sixth Floor.)

Kimonos And Other Gift Garments

Women's pretty Japanese Silk Long Kimonos—in plain colors or figured designs—very handsome and rich looking garments, specially priced at.. 3.98

French Underwear—300 pieces of lovely hand-embroidered French Gowns, Drawers, Corset Covers, Skirts and Chemises (which women like so much to receive from other women) selected from our stock to go at..... Half Price

Underwear Sets—2 and 3 pieces, such as Gowns, Chemise and Drawers, neatly boxed for presentation, at the special price of.. $3 per set

Women's Moreen Petticoats—trimmed with 2 ruffles, just like the ones you make yourself; today at..... 75c

Nurses' Dresses—made of neat striped or solid color Chambray—for today's selling..... 1.75

(Mail Orders Filled.)

After-Supper Specials For Tonight.

Men's Sheepskin Coats—Black or Brown Waterproof Duck Coats, lined with sheepskin pelts, made with either fur or corduroy storm collars—all sizes up to 44 inch chest measure—worth $6.00. In Men's Clothing Department..... 3.90

(7 Till 10 P. M.)

1906 Lingerie Waists—Your choice from 50 dozen new ones, in finest Batiste or French Lawn, lace trimmed or hand-embroidered. All sizes. On sale Tonight..... 98c

(7 Till 10 P. M.)

Wool Crepes—Popular German Crepe in cream color (only 750 yards); our regular 39c grade becomes an evening special Tonight at, yd..... 19c

(7 Till 10 P. M.)

Cheapest Room Rug—Art Brusseline, 9x12 feet Rugs, for bedrooms or dining-rooms—can be used either side up—worth $6. Get one on the fifth floor Tonight for..... 3.75

(7 Till 10 P. M.)

Sofa Pillows—Handsome ruffled or corded pillows, covered with fine silks and satins; also Bamboo Music Cabinets or Newspaper Holders—$2.50 and $3 articles Tonight..... 1.48

(7 Till 10 P. M.)

Trimmed Hats—Pick any Woman's Trimmed Hat marked from $3.75 to $6.75, or any newly-made Children's Hats of silk velvet, ribbon and chiffon, worth up to $8.50. Tonight { Pay $2.50 for the Women's Hats. Pay $5.00 for the Children's Hats.

(7 Till 10 P. M.)

Children's Dresses—Cute little dresses, made long-waisted, from fine quality cloths—blue, red, brown and mixtures. Sizes 1 to 5 years. On third floor..... 44c

(7 Till 10 P. M.)

Two Ruchings—Your choice Tonight from Crepe Lisse or Net Ruching—both kinds; regular 25c value. The one you want for, yd..... 10c

(7 Till 10 P. M.)

Smokers

Will Gladly Welcome These

El Libertinos—High grade 5c Cigars, not sold anywhere under $2 per box of 50, our special price, box of 50 for 1.25.

Compliments-of-the-Season Perfectos—Manufactured by the Walter Damrosch Cigar Co., a high-grade domestic 3-for-25c Cigar, done up in a dainty package for gift purposes—our special price, box of 25 for 1.25.

Walter Damrosch Cigars—Finest Havana filled cigar produced by any factory to sell for $3.25 per box—our special price for both the Invincible and Jockey Club sizes, box of 25 for 2.25.

Plaza de Havana Cabinets—Fine Havana wrapper and filler grown on the island of Cuba—everywhere $4, here box of 25 for 3.00.

"Big Store" Little Havanas—Finest made, regular $1.50 value, our price—box of 100 for 1.25.

"Big Store" Specials—Contain only finest Havana filler and wrapper, a full $3 value, our special price box of 50 for 1.25.

(Mail Orders Filled.)

Doll Sale

AN IMPORTER miscalculated and fearful of being "stuck," offered us 600 fancy dressed dolls at 40 per cent discount. We jumped at the chance to give holiday buyers a glad surprise.

They go in these five lots:

Lot 1—$1.50 Dolls, 96c
Lot 2—$2.00 Dolls, 1.55
Lot 3—$2.50 Dolls, 1.48
Lot 4—$3.00 Dolls, 1.88
Lot 5—$4.50 Dolls, 2.98

All the little girls' favorites in the assortment—"D. P.," "Elsie," "Little Lilliputian Sitting Dolls," etc., all exquisitely dressed and with the sweetest little faces.

In conjunction with the above sale we will close out Today all slightly-soiled or too-much-handled Dolls at just about Half Price.

(Mail Orders Filled.)

The Boy's Best Gift:

A Suit, Raincoat or Overcoat.

IT'LL afford him pleasure not just for the day, but for six months at the least. Then, too, 'tis to your advantage to clothe him now when price is so much in your favor.

It Will Cost You But 3.90 To surprise your boy with a fine $5 or $6 Overcoat if you come here for it Today. Stylish Long Tourist Coats, cute little Buster Brown Coats and the manly-looking little Military Coats—all of which will keep your boy warm and give him long service. All sizes, 2½ to 16.

A $10 Raincoat Today for 5.95 One of these is sure to please the little fellow who hankers after "something just like" father and big brother wears. They're extra long and loose garments, cut so as not to hamper the boys in their movements—made of a fine oxford rain-proofed material heavy enough to take the place of an overcoat. Sizes 7 to 15 years.

Boys' $4 and $5 Suits for 2.85 Over 2,000 suits grouped together at this price—exceptional values every one of them. Cute little Double-breasteds and Norfolks, Sailors and Buster Browns, some with knickerbocker trousers. All sizes 2½ to 16.

Umbrella Inducements

A DELAYED shipment of Holiday Umbrellas which came in this morning get lowered prices to make sure of their departure before Saturday night.

At 1.45 Women's fine colored pure French silk Umbrellas, in solid colors or fancy interwoven borders, with many different boxwood, furze or hickory handles—up to $3 values, all at one price Today, 1.45.

At 1.75 Women's 26 in. fine silk Taffeta Umbrellas, duplicates of which have been sold for $2.50. Handsome pearl, horn, ivory, gunmetal and natural wood handles, trimmed with gold and sterling silver. Best paragon frame and steel rods.

At 3.50 As fine women's Umbrellas as $5 will buy anywhere. Daintiest European Novelty handles of long gun-metal, pearl, horn and ivory, studded with jewels and trimmed with gold and sterling silver. Covers of fine silk taffeta over paragon frame and steel rods. Cases to match.

At 4.98 Women's rich silk Taffeta Umbrellas, with handles that are real works of art—gold, silver, gun-metal, pearl, metal, ivory and horn, most artistically trimmed with contrasting metals. Some of them should sell for $7.50.

Going Out of Town Christmas? Go Well-Dressed

WHAT OUR $135,000 PURCHASE AND SALE AT 68 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR MEANS TO MANY MEN

A HOLIDAY WINDFALL—a December chance to buy Warm Overcoats and Winter Suits at end-of-the-season prices—and the first real snowstorm yet to come. The surplus stocks of three great tailoring houses bought to make a Christmas Clothing Jubilee in Pittsburgh.

MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS WORTH Up to $13.50 Cloth and styles and colors and tailoring that leave no doubt of the real worth of these garments in the mind of men who know good clothing—and only..... $8.00

MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS WORTH UP TO $18 The sort of apparel men put on when business is good and they feel able to wear the kind of clothes that please their families—A wide range of choice at..... $12.00

MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS WORTH UP TO $27 Paddocks, English Frock Suits, Prince Albert Coats and Vests, and other fine clothes in imported woolens that have all the marks of fine tailoring..... $18.00

SPORTING FINANCIAL

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PITTSBURGH, THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 21, 1905.—PAGES 11 TO 20.

PROFESSIONAL SPORTING BY JOHN H. GRUBER

EAST LIBERTY IS BEATEN AT HOCKEY

COLLEGE AND NON-PROFESSIONAL SPORTING BY RICHARD R. GUY.

WILKINSBURG IS RETURNED WINNER

McDaniels Shoots One Goal and It Defeats the East Liberty Academy Seven.

PRINCETON PLAYS IN SOUTH

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Pittsburgh H. S.	1	0	1000
Wilkinsburg H. S.	1	0	1000
Shadyside Academy	0	1	.000
East Liberty Academy	0	1	.000
Pittsburgh College Preps	0	0	.000

The Wilkinsburg High school seven defeated the East Liberty academy team in a championship Interscholastic Hockey league game yesterday afternoon at Duquesne garden, 1 to 0, and it was a happy crowd of Wilkinsburg adherents that filed out of the garden at the conclusion of the contest.

This was the second game of the series and it was the first appearance of either team on the ice. East Liberty was the favorite before the game started, but the Wilkinsburg seven outplayed the Blue and White at all stages. Inability to shoot kept down the score. East Liberty had practically no teamwork, every man playing on his own hook. Then again, some of the East Liberty players tried to rough it up, which did not help their chances any.

When the game was over and the players were in the dressing-room, Charles Carter, the East Liberty captain, remarked, while pulling off a jersey heavy with perspiration: "Our team had no teamwork today, and the players did not get down to business. There will, however, be a decided brace soon."

The puck was around the East Liberty net the greater part of the time. In the second half Jay Bein got the rubber in a scrimmage near the Wilkinsburg net after Capt. Ross had made a stop, and went up the field. Nuttall body-checked him away from the puck, but Orton got it and resumed the skating. He shot the puck over in front of the East Liberty net. Here was McDaniels, a young black-haired chap, and nobody was near him. He coolly put down his stick and drove the rubber into the cage for the first goal and only one of the game.

Marshall, who started the game at point for Wilkinsburg, retired after five minutes of playing with a badly cut wrist sustained by coming in contact with a skate. Morrison finished the game. The lineup:

Wilkinsburg—1.		East Liberty—0.
Ross	G	Barr
Marshall (Morrison)	P	Nuttall
Wynard	C P	Lang
Orton	F	Carter
Williams	C	Campbell
Bein	R W	McAllister
McDaniels	L W	Smith

Goal—McDaniels (second half). Referee—Charles Ahl. Goal judged—Wilbur Thornburn and Earl Russell. Timers—Clarence Overend and "Dutch" Hammer. Time—15-minute halves.

Jay Zahniser, captain of the Princeton seven, and Jack Chislett, also of Princeton, were at the game. Zahniser is a former East Liberty captain, while Chislett played for Shadyside. Princeton will not play in Pittsburgh this season, Zahniser said his team will play the Quaker City club, composed of former college players, at Norfolk, Va., December 28, 29 and 30.

The Hockey club of New York defeated Yale's seven at New York Tuesday night 4 to 1. The collegians proved to be a tough nut for the leaguers to crack and the veterans were forced to work long and hard for each goal that they earned, and the Hockey club was on the defensive a goodly part of the time.

Before the game Capt. Flinn of the collegians demanded of Capt. Phillips that the game be not rough. Phillips answered: "The college games have always been the roughest that we have played."

Hardly had the whistle blown when the bulldog clawed and chewed and tore with a fierceness that angered the New Yorkers. The Hockey club, nothing loath, answered in kind. The result was two 30-minute rounds that, when compared to a 10-round boxing match, was as a Japanese bayonet charge to a ping-pong match.

Capt. Flinn himself started the melee by sending Phillips to the ice. Up and down the rink the puck flew for 10 minutes, when it seemed that one or the other must drop from sheer exhaustion. Then Phillips lifted the puck past both point and goal tender and scored. Then all warmed to their rough house tactics in real earnestness.

MacKenzie of the New Yorks rammed Marcus to the ice. Russell was warned after slugging Marcus with a stick. Flinn hurled his 170 pounds in real football fashion against the little 130-pound Kennedy. Two hundred and twenty pounds of solid beef belonging to Hallie Of the Hockey club, piled upon Stanley and Marcus skyward. Stanley, while trying to get back, was ruled off the ice for a minute. The crowd cheered every time the bulldog growled.

Three minutes before the half ended Russell, who was being roughly handled, "spilled" Stanley, and the latter while falling was badly scraped by a skate and forced to quit play. Blood from a deep cut in his calf dyed his yellow shoes, to the horror of the spectators.

Hockey Club—4.		Yale—1.
Regensberger	G	Lang
Gallie	P	Dilworth
MacKenzie	C P	Flinn
Russell	F	Marcus
Phillips	F	Allen
Kennedy	F	Rowland
Bryan	F	Stanley (Ordway)

Goals—Phillips, Bryan 2, Stanley, Russell. Referee—Con Reilley, N. Y. A. C. Time of halves—20 minutes.

The Carnegie Technical school will play the final game with Yale here next Saturday night. Yale will play Brown next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. Clarence Overend, captain of the Technical school, will have a strong team on the ice. Instrum will play at goal and Jay Hall at point. Overend will be at coverpoint. He has not determined upon the forward positions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The St. Nicholas skating rink was packed tonight with the families and friends of the students of St. Paul's school of Concord, N. H., and Pomfret school of Pomfret, Conn., represented by an exciting hockey team by two sevens of nimble skaters. The Pomfret lads were outclassed by the St. Pauls in weight and legwork, but made strenuous efforts to offset the St. Paul's score. The lineup:

Pomfret School—0.		St. Paul's School—7.
Fahnestock	G	Robinson
Enos	P	Olcott
Townsend	C P	Read
Bearnsley	F	Blair
Bowen	F	Baughman
Swords	F	Morgan
J. Hollins	F	Chanthler (Kirkland)

Referee—Reilly, N. Y. A. C. Two 20-minute periods.

To the Claremont avenue skathing rink tonight the Canadian members of the Brooklyn Skating club lined up against the hockey team of the Crescent Athletic club. Though the locals were all senior players across the border, they were not strong enough to defeat the amateur champions. The game ended 2 to 0 in favor of the Crescents.

BEELL THROWS BARTH AFTER A HARD STRUGGLE

Last night at the Academy Fred Beell met Fred Barth in a wrestling match and threw him after a splendid struggle in 11 minutes. Barth certainly gave the coming champion a hard tussle, which put the spectators in an uproar. It was a fierce struggle and one worth the price of admission. Barth is one of the best wrestlers in this section and died gamely. A couple of months ago Barth won 33⅓ by throwing Parker inside of 15 minutes. Now Parker, who claims he was not in condition then, will take on Barth tonight. It will be another fierce struggle. Last night Barth cut his hand on Beell's shoes and this handicapped him somewhat. However, he will tackle Parker tonight.

Beell tonight will meet two men at Greco-Roman style. They are Frank Richter and a friend of the latter. William Cruikshank of Allegheny failed to show up last night to meet Parker and the latter took on Paul Reske, a Russian lad, whom he threw easily. Tomorrow night Beell will meet Mark Henderson and will forfeit $50 if he does not throw Henderson. At the same time Parker will meet Frank Morgan.

Westminster to Play South Side.

The Westminster College Basket Ball team will play the South Side team at Odd Fellows hall, South Side, tonight. Westminster has one of the strongest college teams in the state. The teams will line up as follows:

Westminster.		South Side.
Deevers	R F	Lieban
Mitchell	L F	Koch-Lothead
Lamble	C	Sickel-Weitzel
Marks	R G	Windekneckt-Seibel
Elliott	L G	Anderson-Campbell

M'DANIELS.
Who shot goal for Wilkinsburg.

OFFICERS NAMED FOR THE U. S. G. A. ANNOUNCED

Annual Election of the National Golf Association Will Be Held January 19.

William Fellowes Morgan, secretary of the United States Golf association, has just announced the call for the next annual meeting of the association at Delmonico's, New York, January 19, when officers for the ensuing year will be elected and other important business will be transacted. Each associate club has the right to be represented by one voting delegate and each allied club has the right to be represented by one delegate who is not, however, entitled to vote.

G. Herbert Windler, chairman of the nominating committee, has reported the following officers who have been selected and whose election at the January election is a mere formality: President, Ransom H. Thomas, Morris County Golf club; vice presidents, Fred S. James, Glen View club, and Alex Britton, Chevy Chase club; secretary, William Fellowes Morgan, Baltusrol Golf club; treasurer, Samuel Y. Heebner, Philadelphia Cricket club; committee, Daniel Chauncey, Garden City Golf club; G. F. Willett, the Country club; Heyward G. Leavitt, Omaha Country club, and H. Chandler Egan, Exmoor Country club.

The nominating committee reporting the ticket are: G. Herbert Windler, D. F. Morgan and Devereaux Emmet. In the case of Mr. Thomas, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Heebner it is a re-election of these officers.

HARVARD ELECTION FOR CAPTAIN POSTPONED

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The meeting of the Harvard varsity football men scheduled for this evening to elect a captain for next fall's eleven was called off on account of the inability of several "H" men to participate in the same. Capt. Hurley and Coach Reid are both out of town and many of the players have already started on their Christmas vacation. Another meeting will be ordered during the first week in January.

THREE CAPTAINS WANT THE JOB AT NOTRE DAME

SOUTH BEND, IND., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—It is probable that either Catlin of Chicago university, Vanderboom of Wisconsin or Norcross of Michigan will coach Notre Dame football team in 1906, all having expressed a willingness to accept Notre Dame's terms. The chances favor Catlin because he can also coach track men.

Standing of the Clubs.

The Windoms and Lafayettes, and South Side Second and Holy Cross team will meet in the preliminaries to the Westminster College-South Side game at Odd Fellows hall tonight. The teams' standing at present is as follows:

	Won.	Lost.	Average.
Leach	4	0	1.000
Windoms	3	1	.750
Leitheads	2	2	.500
Lafayettes	1	2	.333
Holy Cross	0	2	.000
South Side Second	0	3	.000

South Side Second Wins.

The South Side second team defeated the Oakland A. C. last night, 47 to 11. Lineup:

Oakland A. C.—11.		South Side H.—47.
Brown	R F	Smith
Fleming	L F	Kunkler
Harris	C	Standinger
Clark	R G	Lebau
Erseberg	L G	Bingey

Field goals—Smith 5, Kunkler 8, Standinger, 6, Leibau 3, Bingey 1, Brown 2, Fleming 1, Clark 1. Foul goals—Clark 3, Gingey 1. Referee—Wirerknecht.

New High Score at Steubenville.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The high score, 288, held on the Brunswick alleys, Steubenville, for two years, was smashed this evening by Paddy Foley, who rolled a score of 276.

AMONG THE BOXERS.

Trained to the hour, the quartet of Cleveland boxers who will tonight meet the flower of Pittsburgh's glovemen at Old City hall, will arrive here at 10:30 o'clock this morning. They are Pat Carney, Kid Brock, Jimmy Smith and Irish Cunningham. Manager Johnny Lavack has wired that each of the men is prepared to put up the battle of his life. To defend the honors of the Smoky City the City Athletic club has selected Jack Dillon, Kid Tyler, Mike Madden and Jack Rowe. For the past two weeks these men have been training hard and will enter the ring in perfect condition. To accommodate the crowd which is certain to be present, the interior of the hall has been rearranged. The ring will be built in the center and elevated so that every move of the fighters can be seen from all parts of the hall. The doors open at 7 o'clock and the first bout will begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock. All the contestants will be on hand promptly and there will be no delays. Every fighter before entering the ring will be examined by Dr. Hirst, the club's physician. Extra police have been detailed to handle the large crowd which will be on hand and the entire program will be carried out without a hitch.

Patsy Brannigan's backer on Tuesday withdrew the deposit to guarantee Patsy's weight and appearance on January 9. If the sum is not reposted Kid O'Brien of Charleroi will take Patsy's place.

The full program of the City View A. C. boxing bouts on Friday night is: Joe Keally vs. Harry McGraw; Jack Rowe vs. Frank McCloskey; Patsy Brannigan vs. Kid Welch; Young Bijou vs. Jimmy Gordon. There will be other minor bouts.

Tommy Trimble of the South Side is ambitious enough to challenge Billy Melsaack for the Lawrenceville A. C. smoker on December 30.

PRINCETON RECOMMENDS SOME DRASTIC CHANGES

President Wilson and Faculty Would Abolish Paid Coaches and Shorten Season.

TO ABOLISH INTERFERENCE

Opine Students Pay Too Much Attention to the Game.

J. B. FINE IS INSTRUCTED

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 20.—President Woodrow Wilson and the faculty committee on outdoor sports of Princeton university announced today the principal changes in the methods of playing and conducting football which Princeton believes to be essential for the proper reformation of the game. They will urge earnestly on all suitable occasions the following:

First, that in the playing of the game all the interference be abolished.

Second, that all coaching by men who are paid in any way, directly or indirectly, or who receive their expenses or any part of them be done away with.

Third, that the number of intercollegiate contests be materially decreased and the length of the season for such contests be correspondingly shortened.

The first suggestion is for the purpose of abolishing all mass plays and of restoring the original open game. The second suggestion is designed to place the game upon a purely amateur footing and to restore to the players themselves the initiative of which in recent years they have been deprived. The object of the third suggestion is to decrease the amount of time and energy which the players are now obliged to devote to the game.

The committee has instructed Princeton's representative upon the rules committee, J. B. Fine, to urge upon that committee the acceptance of the first suggestion.

YOUNGSTOWN STAR PLAYERS

BILLY PHYLE.

JACK DOLAN.

Phyle is the third baseman who was expelled from organized ball because of a tangle in the Southern league a few years ago. It is claimed his expulsion was an unjust act. He will play third for Harrisburg in the Tri-State next season. Dolan is a former National league pitcher and manager in the Southern league. He is being talked of as manager of the Akron club next year. He is a "foxy" pitcher and was one of the best on the independent circuit. If these men leave Youngstown Marty Hogan will have two big holes to fill.

SNOWBOUND IN AUTO IN A MOUNTAIN PASS

FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ., Dec. 20.—Snowbound in an automobile and almost frozen to death Percy F. Megargel of New York and David F. Fassett of Lansing, Mich., were rescued in a mountain pass 13 miles out of town today. They are returning to New York from the Pacific coast in the Reo Mountaineer. In a few hours more the men would have perished. If sufficiently recovered they will resume their journey tomorrow.

With smashed mudguards, twisted steering and broken lamps they reached Peach Springs, Ariz., a few days ago after crossing the great American desert. All other automobilists who have attempted to cross the desert have turned back, some of them on foot.

The Reo Mountaineer has accomplished the greatest feat known to automobilists. It has already traveled 7,000 miles across the continent from New York to the Pacific coast and is back on the homeward journey as far as Arizona. Hundreds of miles of the journey were made over roads deemed impassable to automobiles. The Reo Mountaineer is expected to reach Pittsburgh January 7 and to get to New York in time for the automobile show which begins January 13.

JACK KENNEDY SIGNED FOR YOUNGSTOWN CLUB

Jack Kennedy, who pitched winning ball for McKeesport and Braddock last season, was signed by Marty Hogan to pitch for his Youngstown team next year. Kennedy is a righthander and a strong fellow. Hogan fancied him last year, but was unable to secure him.

Don Curtis is trying to get Bill McKechnie, the Wilkinsburg third baseman, for his Greenville Texas State league club. McKechnie was with Butler last year, but has not been officially notified that he has been reserved by that club. Lancaster has made him a good offer and it is likely he will sign with that club.

Minersville Club Boxing Show.

The Minersville A. C.'s boxing show on Tuesday night was a success. Patsy Brannigan and Tod Griffith went at it for six rounds and made a fine showing, Patsy having a shade the better of it. Kid Wallace and Kid Saxe went on for four rounds, with Saxe in the lead. Young Bijou and Jimmy McGovern also fought six fast rounds, Jimmy Frazier and Al Martin boxed three rounds. The show opened with the Foster midgets.

Baraca Bowlers Defeated.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Baraca bowling team of the Association league lost all three games in a contest with the N. P. L. five on the Y. M. C. A. alleys last night. Crites of the winning team had the high score of 192 and high average of 178. Team scores: N. P. L., 767, 832, 813; Baraca, 755, 774, 868.

South Side Pool Team in Line.

The South Side pool team, composed of Stimmer, Scherer and Hays, want to arrange a series of games with the St. Aloysius team of Sharpsburg, members of the Diocesan league. South Side is ready to play for $50 a side and would like to see Berner in the lineup of the Sharpsburg team.

Whittaker Still After Dunn.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—John Whittaker of Columbus today issued a challenge to fight Jimmy Dunn of this city any number of rounds and at any place Dunn may select. Whittaker usually fights at 118 pounds, but is willing to allow Dunn to enter the ring at 122.

Rifle Shoots on the Holidays.

The Excelsior Rifle club will hold a turkey shoot on Christmas and New Year's days at the Bell house, West Liberty. Shooting will be off-hand at 50 yards range, from good shelter. No rifle or sight barred. All shooters are invited.

LATONIA WILL ANNEX THE AMERICAN DERBY

Cincinnati Suburban Track Is Arranging to Take Over the Three-Year-Old Classic.

Efforts are being made for the American Derby to be run at the Latonia track. Since the decision on Monday by the stockholders of Washington Park to dispose of its track and abandon racing there the great three-year-old event would in consequence lapse.

The American Derby is the leading stake feature of western racing. It brought thousands to Washington Park. It was a $25,000 stake and the best thoroughbreds of the east and west met in it. In world's fair year it was worth $40,500 to the winner.

At Latonia the stake will probably at first be $7,500 as a starter and worth to the winner $10,000. Afterward it will be increased in value. The Latonia management intends to make of its track the leading one in the west. This can very well be done now that racing is dead around Chicago. If Latonia gets the American Derby the race will be run in June the same as it was at Chicago.

TIE GAME IS PLAYED IN THE AMATEUR LEAGUE

The A. A. A. and C. A. C. of the Allegheny County Amatuer Hockey league played a fast and clean game at Duquesne Gardens last evening and resulted in a tie score, 1 to 1. The defense of both teams was strong and kept out many shots. The team work of the A. A. A. excelled that of C. A. C. and only for Junker at goal kept the score a tie. The line-up:

Waldschmidt	G	Junker
Hay	P	Brennen
Smart	C P	Graber
Brown	F	Edmonds
Doak	C	Wilson
Schnip	R W	Blair
Hilands	L W	Benn (Evans)

Goals—Blair, Hilands. Referee — Cochran. Time—20 and 15-minute halves.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.
A. A. A.	1	0	1	1.000
Colonial	2	1	0	.667
C. A. C.	1	1	1	.500
Viking	0	1	0	.000

Braddock Five Loses.

The Zionist Council defeated a team composed of players from the C. A. C. of Braddock last night at Zion hall, 26 to 20. Line-up:

Zion Council. "26.		Braddock A. C., 20.
Fisher	F	Richards
Leff	F	McDevitt
Raphael	C	Hemiliz
Warner	G	Campbell
Moses	G	Haney

Field goals: Fisher 1; Leff 1; Raphael 5; Warner 2; Moses 3; Charles 7; Henning 1; Campbell 2.

Foul goals: Leff 2. Referee: Rosser.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

The Blacks will play the Neuman five Saturday night.

The Lewins challenge all 10-year-old teams having balls. Address L. Ellis, 725 Park building. Bell 'phone 1148 Grant.

The Perrysvilles want a game at home for Saturday night with some fast team. Address W. H. Collins, 42 Wilson avenue, Allegheny.

The Foster first team wants a game for Saturday night on the Foster floor. Call Freker, 400 Swickley, or address manager, 143 Fortieth street.

The Watson first team would like to hear from 9-year-old teams for Friday and Saturday evenings. Address Walter Ross, 2166 Perrysville avenue, Allegheny.

WITTENBERG IS PUT ON THE PAN

Ohio College Is Exposed and Admits Using Ringers on the Football Team.

PROFESSIONALISM IS CITED

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 20.—In conjunction with the colleges of the Big Six and other colleges throughout the country to eliminate the professionalism which has been creeping into athletics for some time past, Wittenberg college of Springfield, O., is the first to come out frankly and expose its own tactics in playing professionals on its team last fall. No less than six "ringers" were members of the Wittenberg football eleven.

Most of the blame for the playing of the "ringers" is laid upon Graduate Manager McKinney, who sought these players in an endeavor to put a good team on the field. By so doing, bona fide students were placed on the side lines. Members of the faculty have denounced the actions of the athletic board for some time, but nothing was done to rid the college of the existing evil until of late. The Sun of Springfield has the following article on the reforms of athletics at Wittenberg and in it, cites three kinds of professionalism.

"There is the professional who goes to a school simply for the purpose of playing football, and then drops out when the season is over. This class as a rule receive compensation in some way for their services.

"Sufinsky, the player who sued Western Reserve, is of this class, and it is this class of professionalism which is the most hurtful variety. It is the kind that has flourished at Wittenberg during the past season.

"Then there are the students who receive aid in settling their college expenses for their gridiron ability, or are induced with offers of snap jobs to attend college and play football. This is the second class and is the most common, because it is difficult to disqualify a player who is actually a student of the school.

"And the third class includes those players who are in every respect entitled to play as bona fide students, but must be recorded as professionals because at one time or another they have entered some athletic sport for money. 'Peggy' Parrat of Case is an example of this class.

"If space would permit the gridiron elevens of various Ohio colleges might be dissected and the playing of 'ringers' shown, both in and out of the Big Six. If the charges of rival schools are to be given credence, Ohio state has been a bad violator.

"Allen Roudebush of Denison was found ineligible after the season was over. Ellor, the star Denison tackle, is so notorious a ringer as to be called such in an article that appeared in McClure's magazine. Little Kenyon seems to be one of the few colleges that tries to live up to the eligibility rules, for at least during the past five years the right of any Gambler student to play has never been questioned.

"Graduate Manager McKinney had a letter written him by Shoop of the Denison team before the beginning of school asking what Wittenberg would pay for his services. Shoop played halfback on the Denison team all season, and the above plainly shows at what low ebbtide athletic morality is among some of the players themselves."

During the past season Wittenberg has been one of the worst offenders in the state in the matter of playing professionals. At least six "ringers" were used last fall, and this has caused considerable grumbling among the undergraduates. The six men in question, of which there is mitigating circumstances for only one, are: Robert Beecher, Robert Harry Harry Mammes, Simpson McConnaughey, Mast Frey and Wilson Fleming.

While Wittenberg is not amenable to any rule of the Big Six as regards the eligibility of the members of her football team, she is honor bound to regard the laws of amateur sport and athletic decency. In other words the only rule that Wittenberg is bound to respect in accordance with athletic honor is to play nobody but bonafide students on her athletic teams.

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FIRST HALF OF THE BOWLING SEASON ENDS IN COUNTY LEAGUE

UNITY MAKES A CLEAN SWEEP

Takes All Three Games from the Champion Brunswick Team.

The most important game of the season was played last night in the Pittsburgh section between the champion Brunswicks and the Unity team on the Great Eastern alleys. A large crowd was present, expecting to see some records broken, but they were sadly disappointed. Ordinary scores were made and the Unity succeeded in winning all three games with comparative ease. The result undoubtedly leaves only two teams in it, who have a possible chance for first honors. The Ungers and the Unitys, who are tied for first place, with only two games lost. Schumaker was the only player who reached the 200 mark. The best average man was Austin Smith, with 192 2-3. Koeppeler and McGrath were the next best average bowlers. Koeppeler made the best exhibition of bowling in the contest. Scores:

Brunswick—				Unity—			
Hartman	182	151	159	Sliber	152	155	164
Frye	162	137	166	Smith	166	194	188
Lee	154	149	119	Kappeler	190	129	194
Shumaker	170	208	186	Walker	164	159	168
Kramer	171	145	179	McGrath	180	179	171
Totals	831	790	797	Totals	861	856	885

In the Allegheny section last night the Independents won all three games from the Crescents. Their scores were small for a county league match, but all the games were interesting contests. J. Houlahen was the high bowler with 209, and Dan Houlahen, was there with the best average. Stehle and Joe Nimecek also did good work for their respective teams. Scores:

Independent—				Crescent—			
Stehle	180	192	167	Joe Nimecek	202	156	152
Grine	178	111	134	Briemont	147	122	
J. Houlahan	166	151	209	Schuetz			154
Voltz	152	182	197	Beehtel	131		
D. Houlahan	188	177	178	Kleppick	168	144	
				Jno. Nemecek	135	158	181
				Lhota	172	151	117
Totals	813	753	835	Totals	738	755	746

In the Monongahela Valley section last night the East Pittsburghs won two games from the Wilmerdings. Ordinary scores were made, only two 800 scores being chalked up. Hawkins had high score and Smith best average of 189 2-3. Scores:

East Pittsburgh—				Wilmerdings—			
Wolfe	187	129	166	Smith	181	174	187
Arner	188	175	127	Hawkins	191	145	169
Miller	149	169	151	Henry	162	144	156
Fron	166	152	158				
Votel	180	167	173		891	891	

OUTLOOK IN THE THREE SECTIONS

Last night the first half of the season of the Allegheny County Bowling league ended. The Unitys defeated the champion Brunswicks in all three games and, apparently, put Capt. Wilson's famous team out of the running. The Independents threaten to crowd the Federals at first place in the Allegheny section, because they trimmed the Crescents three games. East Pittsburgh made an advance in the Monongahela league by taking two out of three games from the Wilmerdings.

Totals	843	783	775	Totals	829	768	799

The Arlingtons won all three games from the Federals last night in the Allegheny duckpin league. Fine scores were put up by the Arlingtons. Drake was the star bowler with two 100 scores and the fine average of 104 1-3. Melion had high score of 129. Scores:

Federal—				Arlington—			
McHugh	82	80	81	Drake	92	101	120
Seitsel	79	85	81	Pollitt	86	83	81
Piefer	82	78		Miller	91	129	77
Metzger			79	Trugesser	82		
Limbaugh	82	69		Hahne	87	82	121
Haddock			84	Bryan		97	94
A. Hahn	83	85	82				
Totals	408	397	412	Totals	438	492	493

In the Wilkinsburg league last night on the Casino alleys the office force took three games from the Engineers of the Westinghouse company. McCormick had high score with 217 and high average with 181 2-3. The scores:

Office Force—				Engineers—			
McCormick	194	194	217	Fletchner	184	126	165
Thier	158	134	169	Simmons	116	127	154
Kappel	139	152	187	Hauk	145	167	142
Shotwell	126	129	183	Ecker	128	167	175
Krauth	112	142	128	Ray	173	126	111
Totals	907	782	853	Totals	691	763	747

The Wurzer Colts three-man duckpin team defeated the Bragg Colts on Sharpsburg alleys, Sharpsburg, last night, winning two out of three games. Scores:

Wurzer Colts—				Bragg Colts—			
Mehringer	81	77	85	Merdian	79	86	93
Niehaus	74	82	96	Grimpy	68	70	80
F. Wurzer	77	72	89	J. Wurzer	84	70	105
Totals	240	226	269	Totals	233	233	279

Capt. Doran of the Clippers requests the following players to report on the Wylie avenue alleys tonight for match game with the Y. M. I.'s: Grebb, Butts and Kerner.

SCHEDULE FOR TONIGHT

Central league—On Club alleys, Liberty Valley league—Highlands vs. Centrals, on Penn avenue alleys.

Diocesan league—St. Joseph vs. St. Charles; St. Henry vs. St. Anthony.

Amateur league—O. & P. vs. Commercials, on Wylie avenue alleys.

The Great Eastern team of the County league will play the Shadysides, champions of the Liberty Valley league, an exhibition match on the Great Eastern alleys next Wednesday night. All players take notice.

On the Wilkinsburg alleys last night the Casino team lost two games to the Ahlbourns at duckpins, Johns had high score with 106 and Ahlbourn had high average with 88. The scores:

				Ahlbourns—			
Johns	80	106	67	Owens	75	84	91
Wright	84	91	78	Kloss	80	72	88
Mahan	75	94	80	Bechtel	86	67	93
Yerkins	83	80	94	Ahlbourn	86	92	66
Restine	75	82	86	Lewis	81	81	73
Totals	397	444	399	Totals	402	396	431

The Majestics of the Allegheny County Duckpin league won three games from the Royals by forfeit last night by the non-appearance of the Royals. The Majestics waited until 8:45, and then played three games. The scores are as follows:

Majestics—			
Knox	71	82	83
J. Donahue	80	91	82
Gibbs	88	95	97
Pannier	85	81	92
Knox	106	78	88
Totals	410	427	452

The Federal Duckpin team of Allegheny made a clean sweep of the three games last night with the Sharpsburg team on the Sharpsburg alleys. Scores:

Federals—				Sharpsburg—			
Niesen	80	89	98	Niehaus	82	67	71
White	86	79	77	Dischner	70	80	68
Thomas	80	92	79	Fleckenstein	78	100	85
Chappel	96	80	87	Earmerie	89	65	71
Hirsch	75	73	83	Pope	71	77	87
Totals	411	413	415	Totals	390	389	383

In the Amateur league on the Wylie avenue alleys last night the Commercials won two out of three games from the O. and P.'s. The Commercials are now in the lead for the championship by one game. Newcomer had high score and B. Bert best average. Scores:

O. & P.				Commercials—			
Newcomer	146	188	181	B. Bert	179	165	185
Neilson	120	138	150	Spratt	150	154	132
Matt	147	136	169	Kramer	186	150	185
Boyle	169	154	153	Shaner	155	183	137
Hewett	152	183	181	H. Bert	171	157	149
Totals	733	799	805	Totals	824	809	769

In the Allegheny County Duckpin league on the Wilkinsburg alleys last night the Wilkinsburgh won two out of three games from the Southerns. Wilkinsburg broke the high score record of the league by making 501 in the second game. Hardie was the star bowler, with high score and best average. Scores:

Wilkinsburg—				Southern—			
Warfel	82	97	77	Scott	83	92	77
Elberty	93	85	88	Mary	95	88	85
Beckwith	93	103	81	Fussold	84	93	113
McMillen	82	107	86	O. Stock	85	82	90
Hardie	110	99	82	Dapper	86	91	99
Totals	490	501	409	Totals	433	451	455

Below are two games played in the Dispatch Duckpin league on the Wylie avenue alleys yesterday afternoon. The Pawnees tied the high score of the league, 474. Zimmerman had high score of 114. Scores:

Pawnees—				Blackfeet—			
Lytle	91	80	83	Popp	94	81	89
Zimmerman	81	114	84	McDonnell	84	84	91
Modispacher	89	109	81	Moser	99	100	87
Bell	64	82	96	McDowell	78	78	58
Bumgarner	76	85	82	W. Wiard	102	118	77
Totals	391	474	426	Totals	457	461	402

Hurons—				Crows—			
Kirkham	100	80	83	F. Dybalen	89	85	95
Wright	84	98	85	Wickham	97	87	80
Flaherty	68	88	78	Barton	78	65	72
Griffin	88	72	72	Weil	72	75	75
Peuffer	94	100	80	Leighley	83	84	75
Totals	445	426	400	Totals	412	396	398

The A. J. Martin Southpaws will bowl the St. Michael Casino team tonight on the Adams alleys. All the southpaws are requested to report on the alleys at 7:30.

The North Sides and not the Crescents forfeited three on the Federal last week. By a mistake the Crescents got the blame.

Capt. Shota, of the Crescents, requests the following players to report on the Social alleys, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock: Shota, M. Briewont, John Nemecek, Joe Nemecek, Miller and Schultz.

Andy Zember, the butcher boy of Monessen, and a great fighter himself, will manage a show at Monessen on January 16. The main bout will be between Butch Zember and Jimmy Frazier for six rounds to a decision, and Kid Sullivan of McKeesport and Patsy Brannigan of Allegheny go five rounds. Other four-round bouts have been secured. This will be the first of the kind in the valley this year. The sports must remember that the Monessen A. C. is putting up the purse and guarantee to make good.

ORDINARY SCORES ARE ROLLED UP

Nothing Sensational Done at the Finish of the First Part.

REDS GOING SOUTH UNDER HANLON

Will Get in Texas in Time for the Opening of the Baseball Season.

WILL OPEN SEASON APRIL 12

According to reports from Cincinnati the Reds will train in the south, leaving for the training quarters on March 4. Says the Enquirer: "The Reds will reach Marlin on the 6th, and go to work at once, under the eagle eye of Foxy Ned Hanlon. About 11 or 12 days will be spent at the springs. Marlin is famous for its hot well and vapor baths, situated close to the Arlington hotel, where the ball players will be housed. The players will have every opportunity to remove superfluous winter flesh and get into that celebrated state known as the pink of condition. The ball yard is only about five short blocks from the hotel, and the men will dress in their rooms and walk to the field, unless they have energy enough to run. After practice the return trip to the hostelry will be made in a time, and it won't be 10 minutes after they leave the yard before they are reveling in the bathhouse and removing dirt and fat in the midst of its heated and healthful vapor. Ten days or so of this sort of thing will put the men in fine fettle for some real diamond battles. A few practice games between the vets and colts will be played at Marlin, and the team will leave on St. Patrick's day, the vets going to San Antonio and the colts to Austin for two games on the 18th and 19th. The two squads will practice together at San Antonio for a week, and the colts will play two games against the local club on the 24th and 25th, followed by two games at Temple. The vets are scheduled for three days at Waco, March 25, 26 and 27. The team will spend only four days getting home, stopping for exhibition games at Shreveport, Medirian, Jackson and Birmingham. On Sunday, April 1, Redland will get its first view of its new team and its new manager, when the annual Vets-Colts game will be played at League park."

The Reds will open the season on April 12 with the St. Louis Cardinals.

MORTON TALKS OF THE INDEPENDENT CIRCUIT

AKRON, O., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—With all of the talk about a circuit for the O. and P. league there appears to be nothing much more settled than that the nucleus of the association will be Akron, Newark, Zanesville, Youngstown and Lancaster. The prospects appear quite bright for Erie to be in, but Homestead, Butler and Braddock are likely to be on the cold outside. Butler will probably be in another league and Braddock and Homestead will have a franchise, but no teams from present prospects.

President Morton since his return reports that at East Liverpool $3,000 has been raised for the maintenance of a club and that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will build a park at a cost of $10,000. A new park company is being organized at Steubenville with a capitalization of $5,000. Morton will call the meeting of the O. and P. league at Zanesville following the election of officers of the National Association of Minor leagues in Chicago on January 9.

U. OF P. IS DEFEATED BY COLUMBIA PASSERS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—In the first intercollegiate basketball game of the season Columbia defeated Pennsylvania at the latter's gymnasium tonight by the score of 14 to 12. The game was fast from the start. Penn scored on a goal from foul, but Columbia soon got the lead and held it to the end of the contest.

At the end of the first half Columbia led by the score of 8 to 5, and although the Quakers came back strong for the second half they were unable to catch the New Yorkers. Even to the last 30 seconds of play Penn fought hard and made a desperate attempt to tie the score. Considering the weather and the fact that the season has just begun the attendance was good. The line-up:

Pennsylvania—12.		Columbia—14.
Flint	F	Moore
Keinath	F	Hurley
Fitzpatrick	C	White
Ehlers	G	Ryan
Kelfaber	G	Fettrell

St. Peter's Lyceum Wins at Pool.

In a pool match last night the St. Peter's Lyceum team defeated the East End Lyceum by a score of 100 to 88. Each team had four men. Scores:

St. Peters—		E. E. Lyceum—	
Rutledge	34	Muller	31
McKelvey	21	Groot	20
Bauers	26	McShane	24
Trimeau	19	O'Brien	13
Total	100	Total	88

Referee, McGinley; scorer, Egan.

THE FOOTBALL RULES COMMITTEE IS FLAYED

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Henry I. McCracken, chancellor of New York university, discussed football at some length tonight at the annual dinner of the Alumni association of the university.

"The question of football," he said, "is fast taking shape. It resembles the Russian question. Over there it is the Russian people against the Russian grand dukes. Here it is the football people against the football grand dukes. The latter call themseves a 'committee on rules.' They are really a 'committee on misrule.' They have reigned for years by virtue of their descent from a defunct ancestor, which I am told was an athletic club of New York city.

"They realized at their recent meeting that their positions were precarious. They resolved each to strengthen himself by obtaining a plebiscite in his favor in the particular university province from which he came. Accordingly, an official announcement comes from Cornell that their university is now represented on the existing rules committee by one of the members. An official announcement comes from Yale that football there is controlled by the graduates rather than by the faculty. Of course the plebiscite there is in favor of the Yale grand duke, who is chairman of the 'committee of misrule.'

"Whether the other five provinces will indorse its graduate who happens to be one of the grand dukes, remains to be discovered. It is to be hoped that at least a few of the seven provinces will refuse to give themselves over bound hand and feet to the oligarch who claims to govern in their names.

"The hopeful, but somewhat helpless, gentleman down in the White House, attempted to put forth influence over the grand dukes some months ago, but so far as the public has discovered, he accomplished less with them than Emperor Nicholas has with the Russian reactionaries. Possibly he accomplished something, for I read in the official football guide for 1905, the following new legislation:

"'A distinction has been made between the acts of the snapper-back and the acts of any other player of the side in the possession of the ball. If the snapper-back makes a motion as if to snap the ball, a scrimmage begins.'

"The official football guide says that this was the most important legislation for the entire year. Let us give credit for this, if we can, to the President of the United States as well as to the grand dukes of football. They have improved the position of the snapper-back."

Chancellor McCracken declared that the conference of colleges and universities to be held in this city December 28 for the purpose of discussing football reforms, will bring together the widest representation of the higher educational institutions ever assembled in this country, and believes much good work will be accomplished.

Turkey Shoot at Millvale.

Burgess Ed Hickey, president of the Millvale gun club, has provided a splendid opportunity for experts with the shotgun to win a Christmas turkey at the Gun club's grounds on Saturday. Twenty turkeys have been provided by the management and the shoot will be decided in the sliding scale system. All shooters are welcome.

Jimmy Eriser Retires Again.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—James Eriser, a well-known baseball player, has announced that he has quit the game for good. Eriser played on the W. and J. college team for three years.

Schildecker Sports Will Meet.

The Schildecker organization will hold its annual meeting on Monday afternoon at its headquarters, Twenty-eighth and Sarah streets. Officers will be elected, and members should not fail to attend, as other business of importance will be transacted.

EXAMINE FIRST SURVEY OF THE NATIONAL PIKE

State Commissioner of Highways Preparing to Improve the Old Road. All Bridges to Be Rebuilt.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The National pike in Pennsylvania is to be improved in accordance with the last session of the legislature. Joseph W. Hunter, commissioner of highways, and W. F. Randall, chief engineer, were here today to see the original maps and surveys of the war department and the congressional library, where they were permitted to examine documents that would aid them in their work.

The sum of $100,000 was appropriated by the Pennsylvania legislature for improving the pike and all tolls were abandoned so that all parts of it were made free for traffic. It is Commissioner Hunter's intention to rebuild all the old bridges as the first step in improvement.

The National pike was the first project for internal improvement undertaken by the national government. It was begun under the administration of Thomas Jefferson and extends from Washington to St. Louis. In Pennsylvania it traverses Washington, Fayette and Somerset counties. L. W. STRAYER.

FATHER IS HELD WHEN SON DIES IN HOSPITAL

Delirium Tremens Cause of Death, but Illness Had Been Preceded by Shooting.

J. W. Eichenfels, Jr., a carpenter, aged 32, who lived at 177 Loretta street, Troy Hill, Allegheny, died at 7 o'clock last evening at the Allegheny General hospital. The certificate of the physicians at the hospital gives delirium tremens as the cause of his death.

Eichenfels was shot in the legs by his father, J. W. Eichenfels, Sr., on the afternoon of December 14, after the two had quarrelled. Following the shooting the elder man surrendered himself to the police but was released on his own recognizance. When the injured man was admitted to the hospital it was said his injury was not serious. Most of the buckshot was picked out of his flesh. Three days later he developed delirium tremens.

Deputy Coroner Laidley placed the father under arrest but he was released under $5,000 bail furnished by Joseph Kinder, a neighbor. The father said last night his son had been drinking a quart of whisky every day for a month before the shooting. Following a violent quarrel, brought about by the young man abusing his wife, the father secured a shotgun to defend his home. The son kicked in the door and with a big knife rushed at his father. Then the shooting occurred. The elder Eichenfels is 68 years old and is highly respected in the community in which he lives.

CANTON POLITICIANS TO HAVE A LIVELY TUSSLE

Appointment of a Postmaster in the Ohio Town Will Lead to Some Strange Complications.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Judge J. J. Grant of Canton, O., was here today conferring with politicians regarding his boom for the Eighteenth district congressional nomination to succeed Representative James Kennedy of Youngstown.

Now Representative Kennedy, who wants to succeed himself, took this time to let it be known that his choice for postmaster at Canton, to succeed G. B. Frease, is George Clark, the mortal enemy of Judge Grant from a political standpoint. Clark, a protege of Julius Whiting, was county chairman until last fall, when Grant upset him with a Mr. McCulloch, a law partner of Judge Grant.

The change in leaders and methods did not save Stark county from suffering in the landslide last fall. Clark is now in a position to come back at his enemies and with an appointment as postmaster by Representative Kennedy he would be in a nice, comfortable position. Judge Grant saw Senators Dick and Foraker. L. W. STRAYER.

WANT CLEAN GOVERNMENT.

Borough Residents Organize the Civic Voters' League in Homestead.

A meeting was held yesterday at the United Presbyterian church at Homestead, at which the Civic Voters' league was organized. It is the avowed purpose of the league to try to secure a cleaner administration of political affairs in the borough.

The list of charter members includes about 50 prominent men, of which 14 are ministers, both Catholic and Protestant. M. P. Schooley was chosen president and the Rev. J. L. Vance, secretary. A special committee, of which the Rev. C. C. Atwood is chairman, was appointed to outline plans.

DR. RICHARD HODGSON PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Richard Hodgson, LL. D., one of the foremost authorities in the world on psychical research, died suddenly of heart disease, while playing handball at the Union boat club here tonight. Richard Hodgson was born in Melbourne, Australia, in 1855. He was graduated from Melbourne university and later from Cambridge university in mental and moral sciences. He also studied at the University of Jena. He was university lecturer at Cambridge, England, in 1881-5 on Herbert Spencer's philosophy.

Refuse to Extend Franchise.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Sistersville council has refused to extend the franchise of the Parkersburg & Ohio Valley Electric Railway, which will expire January 1. The road is being built between Sistersville and Friendly and about $125,000 has been expended so far in its construction.

Confirms the Nomination.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—While in executive session today the senate confirmed the nomination of Alfred L. M. Gottschalk of New York, as consul general to Mexico.

ENGAGEMENT CIRCLET NOT FOR PUBLIC GAZE

Miss Roosevelt Does Not Wear Handsome Solitaire Except in Private.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A personal friend of Miss Alice Roosevelt announced today that the engagement ring which Congressman Longworth placed on her finger is a handsome solitaire diamond of about a carat and a half in size, set in a high Tiffany setting. Miss Roosevelt does not wear the ring in public, it being one of her foibles that it is a sort of precious keepsake not intended for public display.

The interest in the ring by the public is given as another reason why it is not worn publicly. Hence it is that the five-stone diamond ring, the gorgeous sapphire and the others of her finer jewels have been mistaken for the "engagement" circlet. The sapphire ring was an heirloom of the Longworth family.

As yet no formal entertainments of the young couple are announced, and will not be until after the holiday season. Then there will be a round of gayeties, the finest that Washington has ever seen. Miss Roosevelt and Mr. Longworth dined last night at the home of Miss Townsend, who is to be one of Miss Roosevelt's bridesmaids.

YALE GETS MUSEUM.

Government Permanently Loans Big Exhibits from Lewis and Clark Exposition.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Yale university has received as a perpetual loan from the agricultural department at Washington several carloads of commercial products from the recent Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland, Ore.

The exhibits will be installed at Yale as a commercial museum in connection with the courses of instruction in anthropology, physical and commercial geography, and ultimately in connection with the proposed school for consular instruction. The collection includes a great number of exhibits illustrating the varied interests combined in the operations of the department of agriculture.

MUST HAVE PRAYER.

Washington County School Directors Indorse Non-Sectarian Exercises.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Relative to the trouble at Charleroi over the conducting of religious exercises in the public schools, the Washington County School Directors' association this afternoon passed a resolution indorsing the opening of school with prayer.

The principal addresses at the teachers' institute today were made by Dr. G. W. Gerwig of Allegheny and Dr. Theodore B. Noss, president of the California State Normal school. A feature of the afternoon was the singing of a chorus of 250 Washington school children. Dr. Morgan Wood of Cleveland, O., lectured tonight before 1,200 people.

Restrains Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Judge Porter today granted a preliminary injunction restraining the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad from filling in and encroaching upon Lacock street for the construction of the new third and fourth tracks being built between here and Youngstown. The court will hear arguments upon the injunction proceedings next Tuesday.

PRESIDENT'S IDEA FOR A NEW YORK SPEAKER

Politicians Are Seeking the Chief Executive's Opinion of the Empire Political Situation.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—For several weeks President Roosevelt has been discussing with prominent New York Republicans the political situation in that state. Within the past few days his views have been sought as to the speakership of the New York assembly. The President has made it plain to all those with whom he has talked that his desire is that that shall be done which will best promote not only the interests of the Republican party of New York, but the whole people of the state. A day or two ago the candidacy of Assemblyman James W. Wadsworth, Jr., for the speakership was announced and an impression was conveyed that Mr. Wadsworth was the President's candidate. This impression doubtless was due partly to the knowledge that Mr. Wadsworth last Saturday was a guest of the President at luncheon.

On authority of men who today discussed the New York situation with President Roosevelt it can be said with knowledge of the absolute accuracy of the statements, that the President was as much surprised as anybody could have been when he saw in the newspapers the announcement of Mr. Wadsworth's candidacy.

To Mr. Wadsworth when he was here last Saturday, the President outlined his attitude in the matter of the speakership of the New York assembly. It was in conformity with his attitude on the New York county committee presidency, that is, that any wholesome, high-minded man, not identified with any faction, would satisfy the present demand. In the President's talk with Mr. Wadsworth the names mentioned in connection with the speakership were those of Hooker, Wainwright and Moreland.

Wadsworth declared he was in favor of Mr. Hooker. The President told him he hoped he would keep himself free to vote for any untrammeled man, "any man who would be not merely passively but aggressively honest, and who would not be the creature of any boss or any ring, of somewhat the Herbert Parsons stamp."

MRS. CARTER "TOO COLD" FOR THEATRICAL TRUST

Syndicate Managers Say Actress Is Not Booked Because She Is a Losing Proposition.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Julius Cahn, a member of the so-called theatrical syndicate, declared today that it was because Mrs. Leslie Carter was "too cold for us" that the combination refused to book the actress in certain cities. Mr. Cahn's statement was made at today's hearing in the proceedings by which several independent theatrical managers are seeking to force members of the so-called theatrical syndicate to produce their business accounts and records in court. Mr. Cahn is booking agent for Charles Frohman. He was asked:

"Why did you refuse to book Mrs. Leslie Carter in certain cities?"

"Because the last time we booked her in those cities we lost money," replied Mr. Cahn, "she was too cold for us."

Edward L. Bloom of the Cahn & Grant circuit, said the reason Mrs. Carter and other Belasco attractions were not booked was because whenever Belasco offered a good show the prices asked were such that there could be no profit in it for the booking agents.

PRETTIER THAN PICTURES.

Philadelphia Society Women Pose as Figures from Paintings of Famous Masters.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Women well known in society posed as famous paintings today at the Academy of the Fine Arts.

Sir Joshua Reynolds, Gainsborough, Le Brun, Velasque, Frans Hals and Manet were all represented, and, though many of their canvases rank among the superlatively beautiful, the flesh and blood copies of their splendid works were even more exquisite.

Miss Adelaide Jordan appeared as Sir Joshua Reynolds' "The Girl With the Muff," Miss Alice Fisher, as "Nellie O'Brien;" Miss Frances Roberts, as Titian's "La Bella;" Mrs. John Hampton Barnes, as Reynolds' "Tragic Muse," Mrs. Murray Bohlen, as Gainsborough's "Duchess of Devonshire;" Miss Reta Carson, as "Miss Tiddens."

GIVES HER A MILLION.

Senator William A. Clark Settles a Fabulous Sum Upon New Born Grandchild.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A daughter was born today to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Clark of San Mateo. As soon as the birth of the child was announced her grandfather sent word that he would settle upon her a dowry of $1,000,000. The senator established the precedent of giving $1,000,000 to each of his grandchildren at birth several years ago, when a child was born to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Clark, Jr.

Holds Junk Dealer for Court.

Wolf Rudolosky, a junk dealer, testified against three boys who sold him some stolen copper, before Magistrate Kirby yesterday, and he was much surprised when he was informed at the close of the hearing, he would have to answer to a charge of receiving stolen goods. The junk dealer gave $500 bail for a hearing. Walter Roberts, Frank Boyle and William Donnelly, each about 15, had been arrested for stealing copper from a vacant house in Erin avenue, which they sold to Rudolosky. The boys were held in $100 bail for court.

Walsh Resigns City Position.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—John R. Walsh, former president of the Chicago National bank, today resigned as treasurer of the South park board. The board at once appointed J. J. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Trust and Savings bank, to succeed Mr. Walsh. Mitchell's bonds were fixed at $1,000,000.

OHIO LOSES ITS LARGE SHARE OF OFFICEHOLDERS

Buckeye Senators Discover They Have Lost Many Plums While Growling at Each Other.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Ohio senators have discovered that, while they have been growling at each other over patronage bones, politicians from other states have been stealing the bones. There was undoubtedly some justice in the claim that Ohio was holding more than the state's proportion of plums. The late President McKinley and Senator Hanna saw to it that Ohio men were well cared for.

What was left was distributed among other commonwealths. But it is now said that the balance has not only been restored, but that the roll of Buckeye state officeholders has been reduced below its fair proportion. The inroads were made possible because no opportunity to get something, or to protect existing holdings, ever found Foraker and Dick together. This offered the administration excuse for making appointments elsewhere.

The two Ohio senators held an extended conference on this topic today, and it was one of many recently held. It has been decided that a schedule shall be completed of all the places Ohio holds outside the state and of federal patronage it has, in order that both may discover just where they stand. An effort will be made to adjust the places on a fair basis. From that starting point the two senators plan to present a united front. L. W. STRAYER.

DEATH AND INJURY BY EXPLOSION OF FURNACE

Frank Kornick and Thomas McKinley Are Victims of Accident at Kendall Station.

An overheated furnace caused an explosion last night at the Duquesne steel foundry at Kendal station, near Coraopolis, that resulted in the death of Frank Kornick and the serious injury of Thomas McKinley. The men were working at the furnace in which it is said gas was generated by the overheated condition. The explosion was terrific and brought instant death to Kornick. Both men are residents of Coraopolis. McKinley was taken home.

Peter Felic, aged 36, of 506 Potterville street, Munhall, died at his home yesterday from injuries received at open hearth furnace No. 2 of the Homestead steel works, on October 14. He was burned about the body.

RECEIVE LETTER FROM POPE.

"The Italian Catholic Youth," a Philadelphia Society, Is Given Special Honor.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Rev. Angelo Caruso of the Roman Catholic church of Our Lady of Good Counsel has received an autograph letter from the pope, which he sent through Father Caruso to the society known as "The Italian Catholic Youth." The receipt of the letter has brought much joy to Father Caruso's parish, the members of which feel that they have been signally honored. This is the first time, it is said, that the pope has sent an autograph letter to this city. The letter, which reads as follows, was written in Italian and was read yesterday morning to the congregation by Father Caruso:

"We extend with the greatest pleasure the indulgences and the privileges accorded to the 'Society of the Italian Youth,' also to the Sodality organized in Philadelphia of America, imploring on all the members and their directors the divine blessings. From the vatican, the 29th day of November, 1905."

Telephone Girl Heir to $75,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Special.—Miss Harriet Hankinson, a telephone operator in the United Charities building at $6 a week, today found herself mistress of $75,000. This fortune, $40,000 in cash and $35,000 in real estate, in New Britain, Conn., was bequeathed to her by her aunt, Miss Ann Johnson of New York.

Appoints His Running Mate.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 20.—Gov.-Elect Pattison has appointed State Senator Louis B. Houck of Mount Vernon as his secretary, and Mr. Houck has accepted. Mr. Houck was Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor on the ticket with Mr. Pattison and was defeated.

Hungarian Cabinet Resigns.

VIENNA, Dec. 20.—Premier Fejervary had an audience of Emperor Francis Joseph today and tendered the resignation of the entire Hungarian cabinet. It is understood that Fejervary desires to obtain an expression of confidence from the emperor in which case his resignation probably will be withdrawn.

BUY THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE PRESIDENT

House in Which Mr. Roosevelt Was Born Is Purchased by Popular Subscription.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The organization formed to purchase the house in which President Theodore Roosevelt was born at 28 East Twentieth street in this city, and present it to the nation, completed the details of the purchase tonight and secured possession of the property for $30,000.

It is the intention of those interested in the plan to restore the house as nearly as possible to the shape it was in at the time of the President's birth. This will include the furniture and fittings so far as they can be secured.

Among the contributors to the project were Andrew Carnegie, Gen. Horace Porter, Henry C. Frick, who is said to have subscribed $10,000, and others.

Representatives of the organization which is known as the Roosevelt Home club, called upon the President in Washington today and consulted with him as to the details of the plan. Roderick Begg, president of the club, was accompanied to the White House today by George Edward Graham of New York, who also is prominent in the organization.

"SCOTTY" IS MISSING IN DREAD DEATH VALLEY

Cowboy Mine Owner Meets Unknown Fate in Desert Where He Found Fortune.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 20.—Belief that Walter Scott, a cowboy mine owner, has been murdered in Death valley, is so strong that Scott's manager today telegraphed $1,000 reward to Barstow, Cal., and Bullfrog, Nev., for the recovery of Scott's body. On December 1 Scott left his mine in Death valley riding a mule and carrying $1,500 and two rifles.

According to a letter from Scott's brother at Bennetts Wells, Scott's mule galloped riderless into camp on December 7, the saddle pierced with a bullet and the blanket and saddle covered with blood.

Already a thorough search for the body has been started in Death valley, and throughout the Funeral mountains. Scott's brother, accompanied by Shand Merricks, a well-known desert scout, went back on the trail of the miner's mule for 50 miles, but their water supply became exhausted and they were compelled to return.

FOUND IN PICKLING VAT.

Pennsylvanian Worth Thousands of Dollars Meets Fate of Pauper in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—The body of Harry E. McCarthy, who was killed recently by falling from a world's fair building, was found in a medical college pickling vat today. McCarthy was supposed to be a pauper.

Recent investigation led to the discovery of a bank book showing he had $11,000 in the Selings Grove (Pa.) bank. After a long search the body was found. It was also established that McCarthy owned real estate valued at $5,000. Efforts are being made to find his relatives.

SERIOUS WASHINGTON FIRES.

Two Alarms Sounded About the Same Time—Four Women Are Rescued.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Washington early this morning was visited by two fires entailing an approximated aggregate loss of $100,000. At one of them four women were rescued, being carried down ladders. When found the women were nearly overcome by smoke.

The first alarm was sounded from the building of the H. H. Juelig Piano Company, 1206 C street, northwest. It was from this building that the women were rescued. The latter fire started in the agricultural implement establishment of P. H. Heiskell, Jr., & Co., two doors from the Majestic theater, on C street, and soon extended to feed stores on either side, those of Hodge & McDowell Company and Hendr

CONGRESS HEARS OF BIG FAILURES

Representative Price of Illinois Discusses the National Bank Situation in Illinois.

UPHOLDS COTTON STATISTICS

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—During today's session of the house Representative Prince (Ill.) made reference to the recent bank failures in Chicago. He made the point that the present limited number of national bank examiners it was impossible for those officials to cover the ground required by them. There were, he said, two sections of the revised statutes which the department of justice might do well to consider for the purpose of applying a penalty to delinquent bank officials. One of these sections prohibits national banks from lending to any one borrower more than one-tenth of their capital. The other section applies to embezzling bank officials and provides a penalty of fine and imprisonment.

Mr. Prince said there were 5,358 national banks and but 78 examiners. Perhaps congress was at fault in this respect. He did not think there was laxity on the part of the comptroller of the currency, but it was evident there was fault somewhere.

The favorable report of the ways and means committee of the house on the Payne Philippine tariff bill, which was formally presented to the house today, stated that the hearing recently concluded brought to light few facts which were not presented to the committee at the last session. The most important testimony, the report states, was that which showed a higher cost in the production of Philippine sugar than was shown last year.

Little Opposition Shown.

Mention is made of the slight opposition by American interests to the reduction of the duty on tobacco and the report says even Philippine tobacco men are not enthusiastic over the reduction, because they feel it will result chiefly in increased wages for tobacco workers. The report also says American cigar wrappers seem likely to find a good market in the islands as the Philippine wrappers are far inferior to the American product.

Because of the diseased condition of animals and inferiority of machinery and agricultural methods no great increase in the production of sugar and tobacco is possible, the report says, and Americans have nothing to fear from the passage of the bill, which will be of great assistance to the islands.

A feature of the discussion today was a defense of the agricultural department by southern members who indorsed the government cotton statistics. The accuracy of these statistics during the past year, as stated by Mr. Bowie of Alabama had been but seven-tenths of one per cent from the actual crop. The house agreed to the conference report on the Panama canal appropriation bill and passed a bill for the relief of the Council City & Salmon River Railway Company at Alaska.

New Date for Innauguration.

Representative Needham of California introduced a bill providing for the repeal of the Cuban reciprocity treaty and authorizing the President to proclaim the repeal 10 days after the passage of the measure.

In explanation of the measure he said the Cuban treaty has resulted in serious loss of revenue to the United States as Cuba makes extensive purchases in Europe and does not give American merchants an opportunity to get anything in return for the reduction in tariff on Cuban products admitted to the United States.

Representative Jenkins of Wisconsin introduced a resolution fixing the last Thursday in April as the date for Presidential inaugurations.

Senator Clark of Wyoming introduced a similar resolution in the senate. The date proposed was decided upon by a committee composed of governors of the states and citizens of the District of Columbia, which met here sometime ago for the purpose of starting the movement for a new inaugural date.

Representative Williams today introduced a resolution asking the attorney general to inform the house whether any criminal proceedings have been instituted against the individuals or corporations recently adjuged guilty of unlawful restraining of trade in the Northern Securities cases.

Against Overissue of Stocks.

He also introduced a bill providing for the loaning of surplus moneys in the United States treasury to state and national banks offering the highest interest. Also a bill to prevent and punish the overissue of stock by corporations.

The house adjourned this afternoon until Thursday—which will be the last session until after the holidays.

The only notable feature of the open session of the senate today was a brief discussion of the question of railroad legislation by Messrs. Foraker and Culberson. The controversy was precipitated by some remarks made by Mr. Foraker in connection with a request preferred by him for the printing of papers connected with a case recently before the interstate commerce commission.

The Ohio senator reiterated his position on the question of rate legislation, saying that he differed from other senators only on the point as to the remedies to be applied for the evils of which complaints have been made.

Chairman Foss of the house naval committee, has introduced a bill which provides "that the secretary of the navy shall have the power and authority, in his discretion, to dismiss at any time from the United States naval academy any midshipman whose continued presence at the academy he shall deem contrary to the best interests of the service."

It is made to take effect upon its passage, and to apply to all midshipmen now connected with the naval academy or who may hereafter be connected with it.

Will Soon Announce Appointments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The President has prepared a list of diplomatic appointments, including the embassies to Mexico and Brazil, and the prospective embassy of Japan, which will be sent to the senate for confirmation in the course of a day or two, but present announcement is withheld owing to the possibility of some changes in the list.

Asks for More Money for Hospital.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The secretary of war has forwarded to the secretary of the treasury for transmission to congress an additional estimate of $250,000 for an appropriation that will be required for the construction of the army general hospital in the District of Columbia upon the site recently acquired for that purpose.

SOCIETY TALENT IN "THE CANDY MAN."

Miss Mary Davidson, "Musette."

Miss Agnie Brown, "Nanette."

Miss Jane Blair, "Fayette."

Miss Jeanne Slack, "Blanchette."

Miss Mabel Beardsley, "Bon Bon."

Miss Olive Nevin, "Cosette."

The final dress rehearsal of Arthur Nevin's musical comedy, "The Candy Man," to be sung by young society people of Sewickley for the benefit of the fresh air fund, went through last night without a hitch, and tonight a thousand friends of the singers will be repaid for their weeks of expectancy, when the curtain rises on the first act. The performance will be repeated tomorrow night, after which the company will be free to participate in the gaiety of the holiday season, to again appear on the boards in Wheeling on the evening of January 3. For the convenience of the people uptown, a suburban train will run from East Liberty to Sewickley and return after the performances. At last night's rehearsal the last touch was given the new scenery, the light effects tested and adjusted, and every player entered on time without prompting, arrayed in full costume. These costumes are one of the most charming features of the opera, especially those worn by Miss Beardsley as Bon Bon and the double sextet of candy maids and art students forming her particular support. Will Nevin was very comical in his make-up as "The Candy Man," and acted his rather difficult role with all the naturalness of a professional comedy star. The arrangement of the score for the orchestra of 16 professionals, is very beautiful, and it will be hard to believe, without an effort, that one is viewing an amateur performance, when it gets under way tonight. As souvenirs of the event, programs illustrated in two colors will be given to the audience, every character having its own likeness in characteristic attitude. Among those who will go down from the city tonight are Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Dilworth, Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Barr, Miss Eleanor Severance, Mrs. George Shepard and Travella Shepard.

COMMENDS ACTION OF THE CHICAGO BANKS

Comptroller Ridgely Compares Windy City Situation With Allegheny.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Comptroller of the Currency William B. Ridgely today made a statement in regard to the trouble of the three Chicago banks controlled by John R. Walsh. The newspapers, he said, have given all the facts in regard to the matter and there was nothing, Mr. Ridgely added, that he could say which would add materially to what has already been said. Speaking generally in regard to the matter he said:

"The trouble with the Walsh banks was due to two things which are always dangerous—the holding of large amounts of public deposits and the managing officers of the bank being interested in outside enterprises requiring the use of very large amounts of borrowed money which they supplied from the funds of the bank in larger and larger amounts. No bank whose officers are using its money to any considerable amount, is ever free from danger. They do not all fail by any means, of course, but when a bank does fail it is almost invariably from this cause.

"There is seldom a failure which is not due to excessive loans either directly to the officers or to various concerns in which they are in some way interested. There was no money stolen from the Walsh banks or shortage in their securities as there was, for instance, in the Enterprise bank of Allegheny, Pa.

"John R. Walsh's companies were well organized and conducted and he might have succeeded as he always had in the past if he had not undertaken too much for his capital.

"As soon as we got the figures from the national banks and the two state institutions based on simultaneous examinations it revealed that the total amount of loans to his institutions was so large that not one of three banks could continue without help.

"Mr. Walsh and the other directors of the three banks offered real estate and other securities to the amount of five millions to guarantee the payment of all depositors which they claimed was all of their private fortunes. After long figuring and discussion the other banks accepted this and added their guarantee to make up any deficiency. Too much credit can hardly be given to the Chicago bankers for this brave, broadminded, patriotic and public spirited action. It averted any further financial trouble in Chicago or elsewhere which might have led to very serious consequences if not stopped as it was."

Increases Capital $1,500,000.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 20.—The Trenton, Lakewood & Atlantic Railroad Company filed a certificate with the secretary of state today increasing its capital stock from $1,000,000 to $2,500,000. George O. Vanderbilt is president of the company and W. B. Wills secretary.

OWNERS OF FISHING BOATS COMPLAINING

Claim Newfoundlanders Are Exceeding Their Rights in Seizing Fishermen.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The state department has received some bitter complaints from American owners of fishing vessels against the Newfoundland officers interfering with what they regard as their treaty rights to fish within Newfoundland territorial waters. Only a few days since an American fishing smack was seized at a Newfoundland port because several months ago she had, it was alleged, shipped some Newfoundlanders from the Bay of Islands. The American shippers felt that this was an infraction of their rights to ply their vocation in those waters as guaranteed by treaty.

The state department has been exchanging notes on this subject with the British government, and so far there has been no friction between the two governments, though naturally the American fishermen and the local Newfoundland authorities have at times shown some heat. The state department has not been able to make direct issue with the Newfoundlanders in respect to their right to make it a punishable offense to ship Newfoundlanders within their own waters.

It is not quite clear, however, whether, while admitting the right of the Newfoundland authorities to punish their own people who ship on an American vessel in violation of local law, it is prepared to concede the amenability to Newfoundland law of American skippers who ship such men.

A complication in the consideration of this question is found in the fact that the treaty uses the term "fishermen" in some places as applying to men on the boats and in other cases to the fishing smacks. There is an abundance of facts already on hand supplemented by exhaustive reports from the experts of the fish commission, who have been cruising throughout the fall and early winter in Newfoundland waters on the fish commission steamer Grampus.

Will Fight His Removal.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A. F. Caskey, who has been for several years teacher of writing in Parkersburg schools, was discharged yesterday by City Superintendent Swartz, who assigned no reason. Caskey refuses to recognize Swartz's authority and has appealed to the board of education. A thorough shaking up of the city schools is expected. It is stated Swartz will resign unless the board sustains his action.

Report on Cotton Ginned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The census bureau today issued a bulletin showing the quantity of cotton ginned from the growth of 1905 to December 13, to be 9,282,151 bales, counting round bales as half bales, as compared with 11,971,477 bales on the same date in 1904 and 8,526,244 bales on the same date in 1903.

WILL RESTORE THE PRESIDENT'S HOME

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Roderick Begg, president of the Roosevelt Home club, and George Edward Graham of New York, called on the President today to talk to him of the organization represented by Mr. Begg. It is the purpose of the club to acquire the house at East Twenty-first street, New York, where President Roosevelt was born, and to restore it, so far as may be possible, to the shape it was in at the President's birth. Funds have been raised for the purchase of the property, which will cost about $65,000.

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Beginning on the north side of Gowan street at a distance of one hundred twenty nine feet eight and one-eighth inches (129 ft. 8⅛ in.), westerly from the corner of Southern Avenue; thence along Gowan street westerly twenty-five feet eleven and one-eighth inches (25 ft. 11⅛ in.), to Cross alley, thence along said Cross alley north one hundred fifteen feet eleven and one-eighth inches (115 ft. 11⅛ in.), to line of lot now or formerly of Viersigman, thence along line of said lot easterly twenty-five feet two inches (25 ft. 2 in.), to line of lot No. 25 in said plan, thence along said line one hundred six feet one inch (106 ft. 1 in.), more or less to the place of beginning. On which there is erected a frame dwelling house and storeroom.

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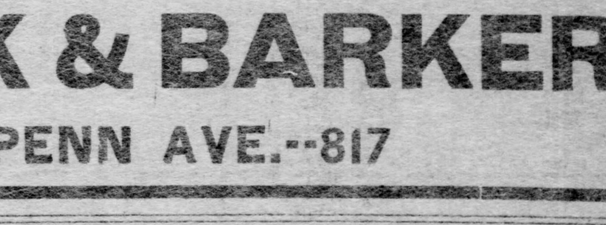

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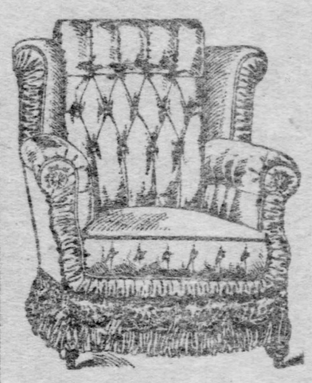

Fancy Rockers, Velour, Fabricord and Leather Couches, etc., at prices less than you would bid for them if placed under the auctioneer's hammer. Nothing over half price. Many fancy pieces will go for just about one-third actual value, such as: Ladies' Writing Desks, Music Cabinets, Dressing Tables, Shaving Cabinets, Parlor Cabinets, Parlor Lamps, Gold Corner Chairs, Combination and Library Bookcases, Parlor Stands, Ladies' Work Baskets, Bric-a-Brac, Pedestals, Cheval Mirrors, Axminster and Brussels Room-size Rugs.

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DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL LIENS

Pursuant to an Act of General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, Providing when, how, upon what property, and to what extent liens shall be allowed for taxes and municipal improvements etc., approved June 4th, 1901, writs of scire facias having been issued out of the Courts of Common Pleas Nos. 1 and 3, of Allegheny County, at the instance of the City of Pittsburgh, in the following cases of Delinquent Municipal Liens, requiring the defendants named therein to file affidavits of defense, or, in default, judgment to be entered. Now, notice is hereby given to the defendants hereinafter named, that unless affidavits of defense be filed to the said claims in the Prothonotary's Office of Allegheny County within Fifteen (15) Days after January 4th, 1906, judgment may be entered and the property described in the liens sold to recover the amount of the said claim.

Georgia L. Briston.
M. L. D., 3 March, 1903. $53.44
Lot fronting 25 55-100 feet on south side of Travella boulevard, Twenty-first Ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Rannette's lot, 101 32-100 feet more or less.

M. L. D., 1 June, 1905. $26.30
Lot fronting 20 feet on south side of Stockholm street, Twelfth Ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along McGill's lot, 91 feet to Grant boulevard.

William Byrne.
M. L. D., 3 June, 1905. $24.00
Lot fronting 24 feet on south side of Morris street, Fourteenth Ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Sullivan's lot, 93 76-100 feet more or less.

Michael Dugos.
M. L. D., 5 June, 1905. $48.50
Lot fronting 25 feet on north side of Morris street, Fourteenth Ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Bumbera's lot, 93 94-100 feet more or less.

Winifred Ward.
M. L. D., 7 June, 1905. $53.50
Lot fronting 26 34-100 feet on north side of Morris street, Fourteenth Ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Devlin's lot, 100 feet more or less.

Peter McGovern.
M. L. D., 15 June, 1905. $44.50
Lot fronting 23 5-10 feet on west side of Halleck street, Thirty-fifth Ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Kelly's lot, 157 feet to Meridan street.

Josephine Building & Loan Association of Pittsburgh, with Notice to John McColgan.
M. L. D., 45, June, 1904. $25.73
Lot fronting 24 feet on north side of Nixon street, Twenty-second Ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back back along Martin's lot, 97 53-100 feet.

Alexander C. Duncan.
M. L. D., 5 September, 1905. $68.00
Lot fronting 40 feet on south side of Gold alley, Thirteenth Ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Edmund's lot, 90 feet to Grant boulevard.

Joseph H. Moore.
M. L. D. 10, September, 1905, $30.00
Lot fronting 40 feet on southeast side of Jancy street, Eighteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Fox's lot 150 feet to Swan alley.

Martin Peyton.
M. L. D. 4, December, 1905. $63.00
Lot fronting 45 feet on south side of Alvin street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along The Cash Building and Loan Association's lot, 103 feet more or less.

Enoch Archer.
M. L. D. 6, December, 1905, $24.49
Lot fronting 32 feet on north side of Cuba-you-quit alley, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along John Archer's lot, 50 feet more or less.

Yost Ruch.
M. L. D. 7, December, 1905, $32.65
Lot fronting 44 feet on south side of Cuba-you-quit alley, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Jumonville street 100 feet to Colwell street.

Annie B. Brown.
M. L. D. 8, December, 1905, $42.17
Lot fronting 25 feet on north side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along O'Brien's lot, 90 feet more or less.

Emma C. Buck.
M. L. D. 9, December, 1905, $46.16
Lot fronting 25 feet on north side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Seanor's lot 111 feet to Exeter street.

Julia Baker.
M. L. D. 10, December, 1905, $39.95
Lot fronting 25 feet on south side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Glenn and Wilcox lots 89-06.100 feet more or less.

Lizzie Coates.
M. L. D. 11, December, 1905, $33.74
Lot fronting 20 feet on north side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Jamison's lot, 90 feet more or less.

Mary Clark.
M. L. D. 12, December, 1905, $42.17
Lot fronting 25 feet on north side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Pugh's lot, 90 feet more or less.

Ellen Dooran.
M. L. D. 13, December, 1905, $45.83
Lot fronting 25 feet on south side of Exeter street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Rodger's lot 123-04.100 feet to Hazelwood avenue.

John P. Fisher.
M. L. D. 14, December, 1905, $38.21
Lot fronting 50 feet on north side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Lapsley's lot, 105 46-100 feet to an alley.

Mary A. Flannery.
M. L. D. 15, December, 1905, $41.73
Lot fronting 26 feet on south side of Exter street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along James W. Flannery's lot, 90 feet more or less.

Edward J. Ford.
M. L. D. 17, December, 1905, $42.16
Lot fronting 25 20-100 feet on north side of Hazelwood avenue, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Theodolete alley, 118 51-100 feet more or less.

Morris and Meyer Grinberg.
M. L. D. 18, December, 1905, $42.17
Lot fronting 25 feet on north side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Brown's lot, 90 feet more or less.

Martha Hughes.
M. L. D. 19, December, 1905. $52.26
Lot fronting 25 feet on north side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along lot of Beechwood Improvement Company, 149 59-100 feet to an alley.

William A. Jamison.
M. L. D. 21, December, 1905. $32.74
Lot fronting 20 feet on north side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back 90 feet more or less.

David E. James.
M. L. D. 22, December, 1905. $44.73
Lot fronting 25 feet on south side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Bucks' lot, 100 feet to Exeter street.

Mary A. King.
M. L. D. 24, December, 1905. $44.39
Lot fronting 25 feet on west side of Greenfield avenue, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along O'Keefe's lot, 100 feet to Theodolite alley.

James Kane.
M. L. D. 25, December, 1905. $42.17
Lot fronting 25 feet on north side of Exter street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Dilion's lot, 90 feet more or less.

Madge Kelly.
M. L. D. 26, December, 1905. $34.35
Lot fronting 50 feet on south side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along O'Donnell's lot, 90 feet more or less.

Elizabeth B. Krum.
M. L. D. 27, December, 1905. $42.17
Lot fronting 25 07-100 feet on south side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Theodolite street, 90 feet more or less.

Margaret Leyshone.
M. L. D. 28, December, 1905, $33.03
Lot fronting 25 feet on south side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Pickle's lot 90 feet to Exeter alley.

Harry E. Moyer, et ux.
M. L. D. 31, December, 1905, $42.17
Lot fronting 25 feet on south side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Pickle's lot 90 feet to Exeter alley.

J. F. Marx.
M. L. D. 32, December, 1905, $134.08
Lot fronting 75 feet on south side of Exeter street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Carroll's lot 102-65.100 feet to Hazelwood avenue.

Thomas McCoy.
M. L. D. 35, December, 1905, $35.51
Lot fronting 25 feet on south side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Brenneman's lot 93-39.100 feet more or less.

Maggie McClusky.
M. L. D. 36, December, 1905, $42.17
Lot fronting 25 feet on south side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Schwanbart's lot 90 feet more or less.

H. L. Reese.
M. L. D. 38, December, 1905, $16.16
Lot fronting 25 feet on south side of Exeter street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along McCuteheon's lot 112-57.100 feet to Hazelwood avenue.

Josephine Schneider.
M. L. D. 39, December, 1905, $42.84
Lot fronting 25-68.100 feet on south side

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SAYS INTERSTATE COMMISSION LAW CONVENTION WAS FRAUD

Serious Charges Made Against E. P. Bacon by N. W. McLeod, President of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Did Mr. E. P. Bacon of Milwaukee, and those who were associated with him in calling and managing the so-called interstate commission law convention at Chicago in October, pad the rolls with the result of making it appear that the demand for the rate-making legislation, advocated by the President, was more general among business men than it really was?

That this was done is charged by Mr. N. W. McLeod, president of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, who presided over the convention of those delegates who were barred out of the Bacon convention because they opposed the President's policy.

Mr. McLeod claims to have made a thorough analysis of the lists of members of the two conventions as published in their proceedings, writing personal letters to each man for the purpose of learning whether he had been correctly represented, and for the purpose of learning whether he was really a shipper and, if so, the extent of his shipments.

According to Mr. McLeod this analysis shows that the roll of Mr. Bacon's convention included at least one man who had been dead for five years, the names of others who were not in Chicago at all, and even the names of 15 men who participated in the rival convention.

Mr. McLeod says that but 50 of the delegates to the Bacon convention responded to his inquiry as to the amount of freight shipped by them annually, showing an aggregate of 146,268 cars, while 240 of the delegates to the opposition convention showed annual shipments aggregating 1,228,172 cars.

Mr. McLeod claims these figures show the real shipping interests of the country were represented in the convention over which he presided, while the Bacon convention was composed largely of politicians and agitators.

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For over sixty years doctors have endorsed Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for coughs, colds, weak lungs, bronchitis, consumption. Cures hard cases, desperate cases, old cases. You can trust a medicine the best doctors approve. Ask your doctor about it.

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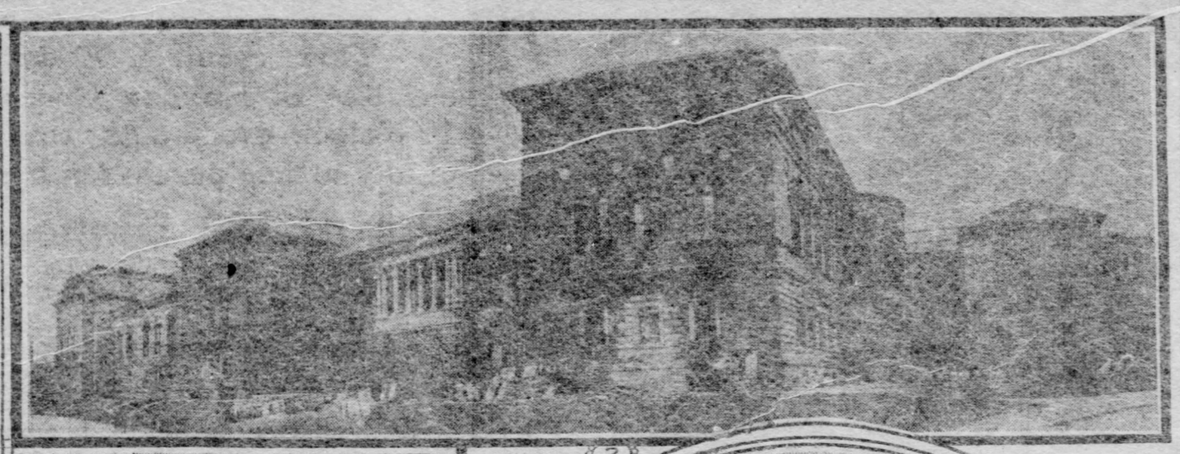
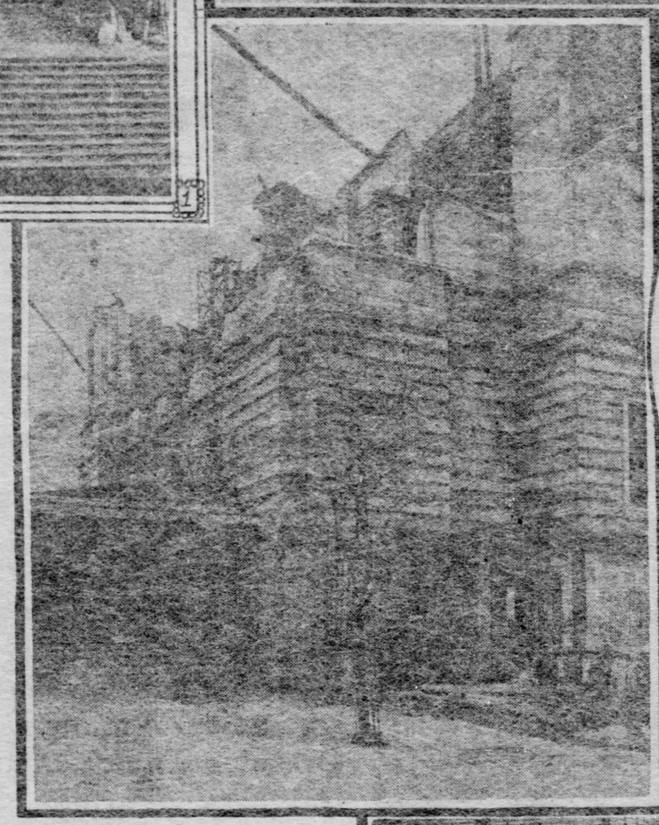
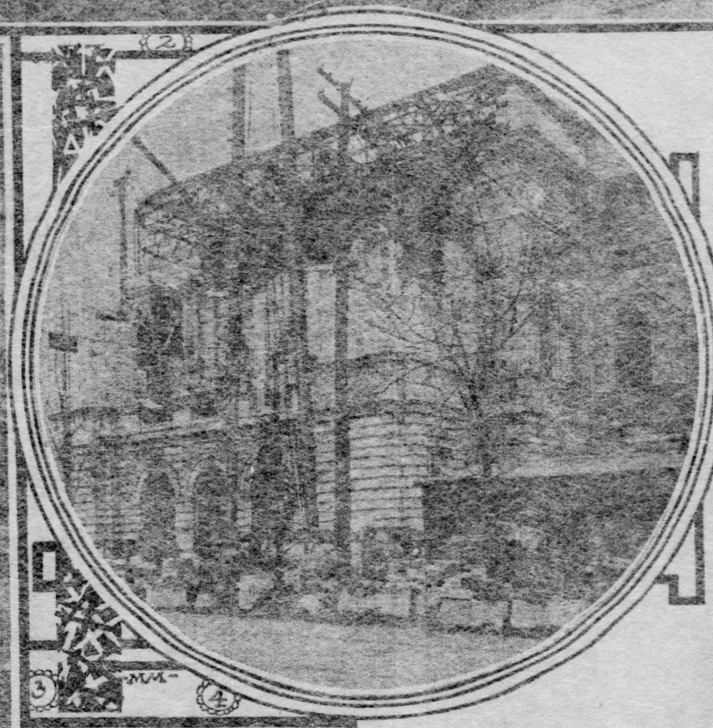
CHASTENING THE ARCHITECTURAL ADORNMENT OF THE CARNEGIE INSTITUTE







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INSTITUTE HAS GHOSTLY HINTS

Material for Unfinished Walls Resembles Tombstones in Graveyard.

FAST WORK ON NEW BUILDING

"It looks just like a little country graveyard surrouning a big mausoleum."

Few persons might think that the expression above refers to the new Carnegie institute, but that's just what was heard one day last week as a trolley car shot past the new building and some passengers sized up the imposing, but unfinished front of the structure.

Of course, that mausoleum would hold the mortal remains of all the kings and queens of all the nations since the days of the Aryan migrations, and, in fact, it will in a short time accommodate the mummies of some of the ancient Pharaohs. So the likening of it to a burial place was not altogether far-fetched.

Out in front of the big edifice are hundreds of blocks of sandstone which are to be put into entrance walls, and these are still promiscuously scattered about with tons of packing material that look like Christmas greens about a tomb. A narrow pathway between these tombstone like blocks adds more to the appearance of a cemetery.

However, people will look beyond this unfinished portion of the institute. Walk along the driveway front on the west and south sides of the building and the remnants of the scaffolding are the only signs which indicate on the exterior that it will be a year before the great undertaking is completed.

It is the finishing touches that will require the tedious work at the institute. The laying of tile floors, the equipment of marble corridors and the construction of infinite cases and shelves will consume the time of the workmen all this winter, all next spring and all next summer. The portcochere will be finished before February, but then the interior walls will be ready only for the mural paintings, for which John W. Alexander has contracted to decorate the musical hall corridor. Mr. Alexander's work will consume at least six months.

The most rapid work is being made on the museum, where many little courts, circles and skylights will be carved out of that section of the building. In the preparations for the formal opening on next Founder's day, in November, 1906, it will be necessary for the contractors' men to get out early in order that the museum staff shall have ample time in which to put the exhibits into shape.

The art galleries will occupy comparatively bare rooms and these soon will be ready. The plumbing, the woodwork, the electric wiring and ventilating apparatus form a tremendous task which is as yet scarcely begun.

The accompanying pictures, made from photographs of the institute on Friday afternoon, mutely tell the story of progress and of the architectural embellishment of the greater structure. It is a fit domicile for art and science and music narrow stairways to be eliminated. The steps were torn away and windows were and literature. The absence of "ginger bread" is noticeable, and the hand of time alone will erase the grotesque earmarks of the fancy ornamentation which flourished on the west front of the old building.

Here were two small side entrances with built in where the doors used to be. The new sandstone from the quarries is clean and white, while the old walls, having suffered 10 years' exposure, are a very dull drab, making a peculiar checker board contrast which must exist for several years, until Pittsburgh soot blends all into one color.

HOPE TO RAISE FUND FOR WOMEN'S COLLEGE

Contributions Being Made Even by Servants at Institution. Must Get Money Soon.

Hope is felt that the sum needed to keep the Pennsylvania College for Women open will be raised, although it is necessary to secure not less than $150,000. The trustees are trying to raise $200,000, but they cannot longer conduct the college without having at least $150,000.

Subscriptions are beginning to come in. Yesterday, the following donations were received from citizens: J. H. Willock, $100; John S. Scully, $100; S. W. Black, $50; A. N. Hanauer, $50; W. G. Johnson & Co, $50.

The servants at the college and the members of the several classes yesterday subscribed a total of $1,776. The servants gave $50, and Ed. Moriarity, who was connected with the college as janitor long ago, gave $15. The second preparatory class had the largest sum, $321.

Miss Hunt, a student, said her father, an official of the Carnegie Steel Company at Duquesne, had promised to give $1,000.

"I feel certain that subscriptions will begin to pour in soon," said Oliver McClintock, chairman of the trustees of the endowment fund, yesterday. "The action of the servants and students should have a stimulating effect and I am confident several wealthy gentlemen will come forward within a day or two with checks for goodly sums."

The chamber of commerce and the Merchants and Manufacturers association are aiding in the work, and the effort to secure the required sum gives promise of being successful.

Say Mulligan Stole Lead Pipe.

John Mulligan, aged 40, of 45 Overhill street, was locked up in the Center avenue police station yesterday as a suspicious person. He is accused of cutting a quantity of lead pipe out of a new house at 247 Dinwiddie street, which he sold to a junk dealer. When Mulligan's home was searched a lot of tools which it is claimed was stolen at 1537 Fifth avenue, December 16, was found.

MOTOR DRIVER IS ARRESTED.

East End Mechanician Gets Traffic into Jam at Nixon Theater, and Police Act.

F. C. Hubner, driver of a motor car from an East End garage, was arrested in front of the Nixon theater by Police Captain Lawrence Bartley yesterday afternoon. He was locked up for half an hour when he gave bail for a hearing today.

The police say Hubner tried to secure a position in front of the theater by driving his machine in from the wrong direction. He had brought five women passengers to the matinee, and he is said to have interfered with the string of cabs and carriages when the production was over. The police remonstrated, but Hubner was defiant. His machine got traffic into a jam, and trolley cars were held up for a time. The women had to telephone to get another driver. The charge against Hubner is disorderly conduct.

Women Are Heavily Fined.

The proprietors, inmates and visitors of the three disorderly houses raided by the police Tuesday night had a hearing before Magistrate Kirby yesterday morning and the proprietors and inmates, 23 in all, were each fined $100 and costs or 60 days to jail and the visitors were discharged.

A SKIN OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOREVER
DR. T. FELIX GOURAUD'S ORIENTAL CREAM, OR MAGICAL BEAUTIFIER
Removes Tan, Pimples, Freckles, Moth Patches, Rash and skin diseases, and every blemish on beauty, and defies detection. It has stood the test of 57 years, and is so harmless we taste it to be sure it is properly made. Accept no counterfeit of similar name. Dr. L. A. Sayre said to a lady of the haut-ton (a patient): "As you ladies will use them, I recommend 'Gouraud's Cream' as the least harmful of all the skin preparations." For sale by all Druggists and Fancy Goods Dealers in the U. S., Canada and Europe.
FERD. T. HOPKINS, Prop'r, 37 Great Jones St., N. Y.

SAVINGS
Earn 4% Interest at Pittsburg Trust Co.
328 Fourth Avenue.

THE THREE RIVERS

The stage of water at Davis island dam at 9 o'clock last night was 6.1 feet and the river was rising.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—River 19.6 feet and falling. Departures were: Tacoma for Pomeroy, Courier for Maysville, City of Cincinnati for Louisville, and Rees Lee for Memphis and Vicksburg and the lower rivers.

LOUSIVILLE—River falling, 7 feet 8 inches in canal; 5 feet 6 inches on falls; 18 feet 3 inches below locks.

STEUBENVILLE—River 5 feet 2 inches and falling.

POINT PLEASANT—River 7 feet 10 inches and falling. Up—Ed Roberts. Down—Queen City, Tacoma.

WHEELING—River 5 feet 8 inches and stationary. Departed—Kanawha for Charleston; Bessie Smith for Parkersburg; Ben Hur for Pittsburgh.

MORGANTOWN—River 6 feet 6 inches and stationary.

GREENSBORO—River 8 feet 2 inches and stationary. Down—Columbia. Up—Dewey.

OIL CITY—River 1 foot 9 inches and stationary.

WARREN—River 1 foot.

PARKERSBURG—River 6 feet and stationary. The Greenland left for Pittsburgh.

MARIETTA—River 6.2 feet and falling. Up—Lorena and Greenland.

RIVER WILL NOT SUFFER.

Interests of the Ohio Are to Be Looked After by Congress.

Congressman B. B. Dovener of the Rivers and Harbors committee who has been in the city for a day or so, said yesterday Ohio river interests will not suffer because congress will not pass a rivers and harbors bill at this session. He thinks the information in regard to the Ohio which was collected by a special committee, should be in the hands of congress at the second session of the body and believes this will be of great advantage to Ohio river interests. Great importance is attached to the coming convention of the national rivers and harbors congress in Washington.

The steamers Dilworth and Klein are engaged at Brownsville in raising the coal flat sunk in the collision with the Rose Hite one week ago.

The steamer Dewey will be inspected and leave today with a large shipment of freight. The Columbia did not take all the freight away which has accumulated since the accident to the Hite.

The steamer Panama brought in a flat of jugs from New Geneva yesterday afternoon.

The Ben Hur is due to reach here today.

The majority of the wickets at the Davis Island dam have been raised, although some trouble is experienced, as the machinery used for this purpose had been taken apart and stored for the winter.

Art Embroidery Department.
(Main Floor.)

Willow work baskets, showing a variety of fancy shapes. Tufted lining of colored Satin,
75c to $8.50.

Silk-rose handkerchief cases, made of crushed silk,
25c.

Centerpieces of fine linen trimmed with French Cluny, real Duchess, and Bruge laces.
French Filet and Flemish Renaissance pieces.
Hand-drawn Japanese linen scarfs and squares,
$1.75 to $75.00.

Handkerchief, glove and jewel boxes, silk covered, decorated with ribbon or silk embroidery. Satin, with dainty lithograph figures,
$1.25 to $10.50.

Coat hangers covered with figured satin, finished with ribbon,
75c.
Value $1.25.

McCreery and Company,
Wood Street at Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh.

A Notable Reduction Sale of Dolls
Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Sale includes the entire stock of dressed and undressed dolls, doll dresses, shoes, stockings, parasols and wigs.

Handsomely dressed dolls with movable eyes, light and dark hair.
50c and 75c each.
Reduced from $1.00 and $1.50.

"Santa" jointed dolls made of papier mache. Movable eyes, sewed light and dark wigs.
Height 16 inches..... 50c each
Reduced from $1.00
Height 18 inches..... 75c each
Reduced from $1.50
Height 19 inches..... 90c each
Reduced from $1.75
Height 20 inches..... $1.00 each
Reduced from $2.00

"Handwerk" jointed dolls with fine bisque heads, baby faces, closing eyes and sewed light and dark wigs.
50c each.
Reduced from $1.00.

"Viola" papier mache dolls with movable eyes, sewed wigs.
50c each.
Value $1.00.

Kid-body dolls stuffed with cork, bisque heads, light and dark hair.
50c and 65c each.
Reduced from $1.00 and $1.25.

Large dolls fashionably dressed.
$5.00 to $20.00 each.
Formerly $10.00 to $60.00.

Corresponding reductions on all
Doll Stockings, shoes, real and imitation hair wigs, parasols and dresses.

McCreery and Company,
Wood Street at Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh.

M'ILVAIN TAKES STEP TO CIRCUMVENT FLOODS

His Ordinance Provides the Raising of Streets Above High Water Mark.

Ordinances and resolutions particularly favoring residents of the flooded districts of Allegheny, were introduced yesterday at a meeting of the North Side select council. They originate with Director McIlvain of the department of public works, and aim to obviate the suffering and damage which result every spring and fall in those parts of Allegheny which lie near the river front. The ordinances call for establishing the grades on certain thoroughfares above high-water mark. They were referred to the committee on surveys. Other ordinances introduced and referred are for the amending of all ordinances already passed which call for the regrading, repaying and recurbing of all streets, avenues and alleys affected by the elevation and depression of the tracks of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago railroad. The amendments provide that the cost of improvements be paid out of "grade crossing bonds" instead of "street improvement bonds." The mistake, it is said, resulted from a clerical error.

Morris Einstein introduced an ordinance designed to aid the hospitals of Allegheny. It provides that the finance committee be instructed to include in the appropriation ordinances, appropriations of $5,000 each for the support and maintenance of Allegheny General, St. John's General and Presbyterian hospitals. Other measures introduced and referred were as follows:

Granting to Henry Phipps the right to lay and maintain steam and water pipes and wires beneath the surface in Rebecca street, between School and Rodgers streets, First ward; authorizing the purchase of a 150-horse power steam engine and a multipolar 250-volt electric current generator and switch board to be installed at Montrose pumping station; granting railroad switch privileges to the Pressed Steel Car Company in Edison street and Cass avenue; condemning strips of ground owned in Fairview by John Boys, and in Perrysville avenue by Margaret Porter, for park purposes.

A resolution, which was passed finally, provides that the city solicitor prepare an ordinance for the lessening of the speed of street cars. The ordinance to compel the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company to place safety gates at all grade crossings within the city limits was defeated by a unanimous vote, the claim being that the ordinance was "class legislation."

A motion by L. C. Beatty that committee of conference be appointed to consider the ordinance establishing the Firemens and Electricians' Disability board, which was defeated in the common branch at its last meeting, was adopted. The select branch wants the time of service in the ordinance fixed at 25 years, and the common branch is fighting for 20 years.

McCann's famous wheat-fed turkeys, milk-fed ducks and roasting chickens. 401-03-10 Market street.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie R. R.
Christmas Excursions
Round Trip from Pittsburgh.

New Castle	$2.10	Youngstown	$2.75
Cleveland	5.55	Toledo	9.35
Detroit	11.10	Chicago	14.00
Ashtabula	5.10	Erie	5.90
Buffalo	9.20	Meadville	4.60
Brownsville	2.00		

Proportionately low fares to other points.

THE CLUBS

Contributions to this department must bear the name and address of the writer to insure attention.

Giving Gifts to the Poor.

A very unique affair was the sixteenth annual giving service conducted last evening in the chapel of the Point Breeze Presbyterian church. It was conducted by the Sunday school, every class in the large school taking part in it, the program being arranged under the direction of the Young People's society. It consisted of an ingathering of toys, clothing, blankets and food supplies to be distributed among the poor families of the congregation and neighborhood by Miss Forsyth, who has carried out this part of the annual giving service ever since it was inaugurated in the Point Breeze church.

There was music and prayer, and then the children began to bring in their Christmas gifts for the poor. The little tots in the primary class led the procession, marching in with their arms filled with toys of every description, some of them having been used, while others were new. Among them were a great many dolls, all dressed, and a wonderful variety of mechanical toys. The intermediate department bore brooms, brushes, soap and useful household utensils in their arms. Miss Kelickner's class of boys entered the Sunday school room pulling express wagons filled with packages of biscuit. The members of Edward Godfrey's class were dressed as wild Indians, their offering of gifts being a generous supply of warm blankets. The young women in Mrs. W. J. Patterson's classes appeared as dainty little waitresses, carrying bread. Those in Miss Catherine Wilson's class were dressed like the maid on the boxes of Baker's chocolate, their contribution being a supply of chocolate. A hospital stretcher was born by the members of Miss Mary Lloyd's class, who were dressed as nurses, the stretcher being heaped with supplies for the sick and delicacies suitable for the convalescents. There was great enthusiasm when Dr. Wooldridge's class appeared in the guise of millers, bearing 50 sacks of flour. The men had to make more than a dozen trips from the vestibule to the Sunday school room to bring in their offering.

When D. McK. Lloyd's class was called a huge cake was borne into the room from which hung a number of ribbons. When these were pulled small rolls of dollar bills were disclosed, the amount reaching $60. The Bible class joined with Dr. Wooldridge's in giving the flour. Other offerings received included canned goods from Frank C. Day's class, J. C. Gray's and Miss Jane Lloyd's; canned molasses from Miss Pearl Bentel's; baskets of candy from Miss Burger's and Mrs. W. S. Fulton's; cabbages from Miss Margaret Hallock's mites and rice from the home department. The admission to the giving service was one potato, and in this manner several bushels of potatoes were received and will be used in the general distribution. H. J. Heinz also contributed a supply of canned goods. Samuel Wood is the superintendent of the Sunday school of the Point Breeze church, of which the Rev. Dr. W. S. Fulton is pastor.

Successful Start in Medical Inspection.

Seven physicians have consented to undertake medical inspection in the public schools, under the direction of the educational department of the Civic club of Allegheny county. The inspection will be carried on at present with the consent of the school directors. One school has already been inspected and the children have been found to be in real need of medical attention, diseases of the eyes, throat and other organs of the head being particularly noticeable among them. At the meeting of the department yesterday afternoon, the chairman, Mrs. William Macrum, appointed several women to secure the consent of the school directors in different localities for an inspection in their schools. As soon as a few more schools have received inspection in the matter of a systematic medical inspection in the public schools of Pittsburgh and Allegheny will be presented to the councils of both cities, provision for the services of one or more medical inspectors to be asked for in the annual appropriation lists. The matter of providing scholarships for those children who have been working in violation of the present child labor laws, which place the age limit at 14 years, and whose wages are actually needed for the support of others, was discussed. Two such scholarships of $100 annually, to be paid in monthly installments to the parents while the child is placed in the public schools, have been disposed of, and the department has another boy ready for a scholarship when it is received. Several others are needed. Those present at the meeting yesterday afternoon were Mrs. James Francies, Mrs. M. B. Van Wagoner, Miss Neeper, Mrs. James Geagan, Mrs. J. C. Dick, Mrs. J. Ludwig Koethen, Jr., and Miss Hannah J. Patterson.

Christmas Dinner for Mothers.

Attendants at the mothers' meetings, which are held weekly in the chapel of the First Presbyterian church, Sixth street and Oliver avenue, were given a Christmas dinner and gifts in connection with the service held yesterday afternoon. Following the dinner Christmas service was held, led by the Rev. Frank E. Simmons of Central chapel, Soho. Christmas carols were sung. Dinner was served to 115 mothers and 25 babies, and nothing was left undone to provide for the comfort and pleasure of those who participated. Afterward useful gifts were distributed to the guests.

The mothers' department is one of the strongest connected with the First church. Every Wednesday afternoon the mothers bring their babies, who are cared for while an interesting service is conducted. The dinner yesterday, which was given as a special treat to the regular attendants at the service, was arranged for and served under the supervision of Miss Ellen S. Kincaid, missionary of the church, and Mrs. David Breed, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Charles Zug. Members of the sewing school will attend special Christmas exercises on Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Members of the Noon Hour club of Rest and Recreation will meet in the chapel at 3 o'clock, when Christmas festivities will be prepared for them. The members of the club are cash girls of the department stores in the vicinity of the church.

Curator of School Gardens Here.

Miss Louise Klein Miller, curator of School gardens in Cleveland, O., is visiting her brother, Dr. Z. T. Miller, for a few days on her way to the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in New Orleans. There Miss Miller will present the subject of school gardens before the section of social science and economics. Miss Miller is a recognized authority on the school garden movement, and has been making a tour through the east, from Boston to Richmond, Va., giving a series of illustrated lectures for the benefit of those who are interested in this work but do not understand how to inaugurate it in their home cities and towns.

HOWLEY TO GET MONEY.

Bigelow Orders Bill Paid Which He Formerly Held Up in Councils.

Contractor M. F. Howley's bill for extra work on the Greenfield avenue driveway in Schenley park, which Director Bigelow had held up in councils several months ago, was approved yesterday by the public works committee. Contractor Howley having since adjusted his differences with Mr. Bibelow. The claim is for the sum of $5,500.

James H. McQuade's bill of $11,701 for the repair of sewers on the South Side was also approved. The International Construction Company's claim of $1,701 for work in Jones avenue and a bill of the Blake Asphalt company for $370 both went through. A number of street and sewer ordinances were approved.

Give Present to Father Beane.

The Rev. J. G. Beane was presented with an oak library table last evening by the members of the Tourist club which bears his name. The presentation was made in the Corpus Christi lyceum, and the event was in the nature of a surprise. James J. Gallegher made the presentation speech, and dwelt upon the aid the Rev. Mr. Beane has given the cause of temperance. Father Beane responded, and music and literary selections were furnished by A. B. Floyd and James Fitzmaurice. Miss Margaret Hughes accompanied on the piano.

The announcement of the S. Hamilton Co. on the fifth page this morning will interest every Christmas shopper

BEING HUNTED LIKE DEER.

Cossacks and Other Troops Are Plundering Houses and Families Are Fleeing.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 20.—The massacre of Mussulmans by Armenians were still in progress at Tiflis, Caucasia, and throughout Caucasia, December 19, according to a dispatch from Tiflis under that date. The Mohammedans were being hunted down like deer, no distinction being made between Persians, Tartars or Ottomans. About 2,000 Mussulman families of Tiflis had sought refuge in neighboring villages. The Cossacks and other troops continued to plunder the houses of Mussulmans at Batoum.

JOSEPH HORNE CO.
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A Rare Exhibit of Cut Glass.

What a Pennsylvania Factory Has Accomplished in the Matter of Absolute Perfection.

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GERMAN METHODS BETTER THAN OURS

Insurance Official Declares That Americans Are Too Wild in Business Transactions.

IN FAVOR OF SPECULATION

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The Washington Life Insurance Company, the Germania Life Insurance Company and the Bankers' Life Insurance Company divided the attention of the legislative insurance investigating committee today. John Tatlock, president of the Washington Life, declared that personally he favored a distribution of earnings every five years. The witness said that Thomas F. Ryan never sold or suggested to the finance board what securities to buy.

Mr. Tatlock said he thought insurance companies should be run by men in touch with Wall street, because of their knowledge of the security market. He also favored the idea of insurance companies speculating in securities.

Cornelius Doremus, president of the Germania Life, said that about one-third of his company's business was done in Europe, principally in Germany, and that this business in many respects is better than any done in America. He declared it to be more stable, there being fewer lapses, while the cost is a great deal less than in America. The medical direction is also better in Germany, he said. He characterized the American ways of doing business as "wild methods."

Nothing to Campaigns.

The only contributions of a legislative character paid by this company were $500 to a fund having for its object the defeat of the mortgage tax law, and $250 to further the passage of the lien bill in Albany in 1904. No campaign contributions had ever been made.

E. L. Baylies, who collected the fund to defeat the mortgage tax law, said on the stand today that he secured a fund of $22,000 for this purpose.

A statement was presented by Mr. Tatlock showing the outstanding insurance of the Washington Life on November 1 to have been $12,339,000 in annual dividend insurance, and $45,440,000 in deferred dividend insurance. The earnings for nine months this year, witness said, as far as could be calculated, were $226,000, of which $7,000 was paid dividends to policyholders, and $149,000 is surplus.

Personally he should favor a surplus earnings distribution every five years, certainly not less than three years, because he thought a greater degree of accuracy in gains could be determined by reason of the confliction of the calendar year with the policy year. Mr. Tatlock said the annual dividend was engrafted on premium life insurance by reason of annual valuations required by states and by competition.

How Money Is Invested.

President Doremus of the Germania, a stock company, said he has been president seven or eight years. His company was organized in 1860. The capital stock is $200,000. The company has about 63,000 policyholders. At the last election 15,000 policyholders' votes were cast by the president, vice president and treasurer as proxies. The company has about $10,000,000 invested in negotiable securities, nothing in stocks, $3,000,000 in real estate, $600,000 of which is the value of the home office building. Another building in St. Paul cost about $700,000. A building in Berlin cost $291,947, and another in Vienna cost $180,799.

Mr. Doremus said about one-third of the company's business is done in Europe. The headquarters is in Germany and the company's business in Germany, witness said, is in every respect better than any business it does in this country. Rebating, he declared, was unknown in Germany.

Makes Two Reports.

John Fuhrer, actuary of the Germania, said that the gain for the year is distributed either in annual or deferred dividends with the exception of 10 per cent, retained for a contingency. It was brought out that the Germania annually makes up a report for the German government separate from the one which it makes to the New York insurance department. The report to the German government is full and complete, carried out to the smallest detail, and covers the entire business of the companies in all countries. To the state insurance department the report is complete as far as the department demands.

Richard Morgan, a director and former president of the Bankers' Life Insurance, was called. The company was first started as a fraternal order among bank clerks. It then became an assessment company and in 1886 it began to do a general business. Mr. Morgan said that Henry P. Townsley, president of the Life Association of America, was dismissed from the general management of the Bankers' Life in 1897 after an investigation of charges that he had deceived the policyholders, and had endeavored to get control of the company.

Changes the Atmosphere.

The Bankers' Life was incorporated as an old line company in 1899. This is the company of which the Knickerbocker Investment Company secured control and which was put into a rating trust.

Mr. Morgan said his company had requested an examination by the state insurance department in 1898 and that it was granted the next year, Gen. John W. Hogan of Syracuse, N. Y., representing the company at the examination. The superintendent of insurance at the time was Louis F. Payn.

"Did you have to go to Syracuse to get Gen. Hogan?" asked Mr. Hughes.

"We did not go there; he was referred to us by one of our policyholders, Mr. Dix, who said that he was a good man and that he would be listened to at Albany. We found the atmosphere very different in our favor, when we were represented by Gen. Hogan, than it had been with previous counsel."

"How much money did you pay to Hogan?"

"For that and another matter, $2,000."

"How long did he represent you?"

"Oh, I guess a year."

The examination of the Bankers' Life was not completed.

MADISON, WIS., Dec. 20.—Insurance Commissioner Zeno M. Host announced today that at a conference of governors, attorney generals and insurance commissioners in Chicago, February 1, to discuss the regulation of life insurance companies and to attempt to secure uniformity in legislation, bills will be prepared for introduction in state legislatures embodying three propositions: First, a short period of accounting by companies; second, to limit the expense of new business; third, to bring policyholders in closer touch with the companies.

Children, Not Drinkers, to Get Treat.

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Retail Liquor Dealers' Association of Westmoreland county has decided to do away with the usual Christmas day treat and contribute the estimated cost of the liquor handed over the bar gratis on that day to the Westmoreland Children's home. A month ago the home was damaged by fire.

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The announcement of the S. Hamilton Co. on the fifth page this morning will interest every Christmas shopper.

SOCIETY

Contributions to this department must bear the name and address of the writer to insure attention.

A LONG list of prominent East End and Allegheny women have consented to act as patronesses for the concert which the Cornell University Glee, Mandolin and Banjo clubs will give on the evening of Wednesday, December 27. The concert will be given in Carnegie Music hall, and will follow the tea dance under the direction of Miss Helen Grayson Ayers. Miss Harriet W. Balken and Miss Hester Harton Singer. The patronesses for the concert are Mrs. Samuel Ayers, Mrs. Henry Balken, Mrs. Harry Clyde Beggs, Mrs. John A. Brashear, Mrs. Henry P. Bope, Mrs. James L. Buchanan, Mrs. Daniel M. Clemson, Mrs. Charles H. Curry, Mrs. Albert Curry, Mrs. Horace Dravo, Mrs. William Gregg Doolittle, Mrs. William Stirling Huselton, Mrs. Alexander M. Jenkinson, Mrs. James Henry Lockhart, Mrs. George A. Macbeth, Mrs. William Metcalf, Jr., Mrs. Haines Allen Machesney, Mrs. Grant McCargo, Mrs. Thomas McNeil, Mrs. John H. Ostrom, Mrs. Loyall Allen Osborne, Mrs. James Hay Reed, Mrs. William Henry Singer, Mrs. George Harton Singer, Mrs. Floyd K. Smith, Mrs. James Verner Scaife, Mrs. Winfield Kennedy Shiras, Mrs. George Chiras III., Mrs. George E. Turner, Mrs. Frank Thornburg, Mrs. Thomas Turnbull, Jr., Mrs. Oliver D. Thompson, Mrs. George Westinghouse, Mrs. Herman H. Westinghouse and Mrs. A. Welling Wyckoff.

Will Clear Goodly Sum.

The managers of the Newsboys' home expect to clear nearly $3,000 from the benefit matinee at the Nixon yesterday afternoon. All the boxes were sold and all were filled with parties. A goodly sum was also cleared on the programs, which were the work of the newsboys. They were dainty affairs bound in glazed paper and enclosing cuts of the home and also a neat little history of the institution. The boxes were taken by Mrs. Samuel McKee, William Flinn, Reuben Miller, James I. Buchanan, Edward R. Mellon and John Z. Speer. One of the last boxes was given to Mrs. George Singer Ebbert, who entertained a party of friends, including Mrs. J. Ramsey Speer, Miss Ada McCrea and Miss Jeannette Hawkins. Miss Emma Suydam and Mrs. Christian I. McKee had a party of children in another box, and Mr. Speer's box was taken by Mrs. George M. Laughlin, Jr., and a party of children. Mrs. Thomas Alexander Mellon had Mr. Mellon's box, and with her were Mrs. Thomas M. Evans and her sisters, the Misses Jarnegan of Knoxville, Tenn.; Miss Alice Wightman of Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. W. W. Blair. Mrs. Mellon entertained her guests at luncheon at the Duquesne club preceding the play. Miss Mary Flinn and Miss Mary Jennings, with a few of their young friends, occupied Mr. Flinn's box, and Miss Ruth Miller, in her father's box, had Mrs. Cameron Beach Waterman of Detroit; Mrs. Reuben Miller, Jr., Mrs. Harvey Miller, Mrs. Andrew Bart Berger, Miss Mary Kenney Fleming and Miss Margaret Walker. With Mrs. McKee were Mrs. James R. Mellon, Mrs. James Hay Reed, Mrs. Omar Scott Decker, Mrs. Daniel M. Clemson and Mrs. David Aiken, Jr. Mrs. Buchanan's guests were Mrs. William M. McKelvy, Mrs. W. H. Allen, Mrs. A. M. Imbrie, Mrs. J. M. Patterson and Mrs. M. K. Salsbury.

Theater Party for Miss Barr.

Miss Margaret Louise Barr, the debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Barr, was guest of honor last evening at a theater party given at the Belasco by Mr. and Mrs. William Latham Abbott. The play was followed by supper at the Fort Pitt hotel, with covers laid for 20. Two tables were used for the supper and in the center of each was a mound of pink roses and blue ribbons. The guests were Miss Barr, Miss Elizabeth Lauder, Miss Beatrice Hawkins, Miss Sallie Hill, Miss Amy DuPuy, Miss Marjorie Rea, Miss Margarita Frew, Miss Pauline Dilworth, Miss Marion Clark, Miss Eleanor DuPuy, Miss Jeannette Abbott, Richard Hawkins, Wilfred DuPuy, Dickinson Boardman, Charles S. Foster, Clinton L. Childs, Arthur W. Peil, William Frew, Otis Childs, Franklin Abbott and William Latham Abbott, Jr.

"Solitude" Open for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Westinghouse and their son, George Westinghouse, Jr., expect to spend Christmas at "Solitude," their Pittsburgh residence. Although the exact date for their arrival in the city is not known, they will reach Pittsburgh in a day or two. They have not decided upon the length of their stay, but their presence in the city will no doubt add considerably to the gaiety of the social world. Later in the winter the family will sail for a sojourn in European countries.

St. Louis Visitors Coming.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Small Moore of St. Louis are expected in the city within the next few days to be the guests of Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. McGinley of Forbes street. Mr. and Mrs. McGinley and their two youngest daughters, Miss Marion McGinley and Miss Lois McGinley, will reach Pittsburgh this morning, having left New York, where they were spending the early winter, last evening.

Watterson-Gilmour.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 20.—Miss Ethel Watterson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watterson, was married today at Mansfield, Mr. Watterson's country home, to Alexander Gilmour, a Louisville business man. Dr. E. L. Powell of the Church of the Disciples performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Gilmour went east for their honeymoon. Today was the fortieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watterson.

To Give Dinner for Son.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shepard of Wilkins avenue will give a dinner at their home tomorrow evening in honor of their son, Eustace Morrow Shepard, who returns from Yale. Shortly after Christmas Mr. Shepard will entertain as his guests two Yale friends, Alfred Biddle and Jack Smith, both of Philadelphia.

Gives Christmas Luncheon.

One of yesterday's informal little affairs was the luncheon which had for its hostess Mrs. Dallas Cadwallader Irish. Mrs. Irish entertained at her home in Penn avenue, Point Breeze, and the appointments throughout were in the Christmas colors. The centerpiece was a most effective arrangement of red roses and holly.

Holderbaum-Miller.

SOMERSET, PA., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A quiet home wedding was solemnized this evening at 8 o'clock at the East Side residence of Mr. James R. Holderbaum, when his eldest daughter, Miss Julia Katherine, was united in marriage to Attorney John Stuart Miller by the Rev. Thomas G. Hicks, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Herbert E. Molter of Pittsburgh, who was a classmate of the groom at Washington and Jefferson college, Washington, Pa., was best man. Misses Ethel May and Harriet Blanche Holderbaum, sisters of the bride, were bridesmaids. Robert B. Holderbaum, a brother of the bride, was usher. Mr. and Mrs. Miller left immediately after the ceremony on a southern honeymoon.

Have Four Guests of Honor.

Mrs. James Duncan Munroe and her sister-in-law, Miss Olive Dodds Munroe, had four guests of honor yesterday afternoon when they entertained at Mrs. Munroe's home in Stratford avenue. The receiving party included the two hostesses and their guests of honor, Mrs. Charles Roscoe Mitchell, Mrs. William Munroe Hamilton, Mrs. Lincoln Boggs of Salt Lake City, and Mrs. John Eben Kreps of Cleveland. Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Hamilton are both recent brides and Mrs. Boggs and Mrs. Kreps are house guests in the city at present. The reception also served as a housewarming for Mrs. Munroe's beautiful home, and the afternoon's entertainment was followed by a dinner for the ladies and an equal number of men and a continued reception in the evening, when Mr. Munroe also received. During the afternoon the aids included Mrs. William Loftus Monro, Mrs. S. J. S. Fife, Miss Snodgrass, Mrs. John E. Williams, Mrs. Charles Terry Kiefer, Mrs. Joseph C. Boggs, Mrs. Alfred Kinley Grubbs, Miss Margaret Gray, Miss Elizabeth Gilmore, Miss Eleanor Kuhn, Mrs. Charles A. E. Succop, Miss Jessie Bruce, Miss Marguerite Reed, Miss Marie Steel, Mrs. John Sinclair of New York; Mrs. John Albert Aull, Mrs. Charles Lawrence Munroe, Mrs. Edward Reynolds Munroe and Mrs. Robert Munroe, Jr. The decorations were simple but exceedingly pretty. The house, which is of the Elizabethan style of architecture, is beautifully arranged and furnished and needs but little floral adornment. The piano in the drawing room had at one end a cluster of lilacs and at the other a clump of asparagus springeril, while Cibodium ferns drooped over the corner of the bookcases. The drawing room is a cosy apartment with walls of dark green and woodwork of mahogany. The bookcases fit into little nooks in the walls and the windows at the front of the house are of the long French type. The hall is so arranged as to serve for a living room and has a brick fireplace as a feature. It is finished in mahogany and white, with a spiral staircase under the turn of which the punch table was placed yesterday. A vase of pink roses and asparagus plumosa was the only adornment in this apartment. At the rear of the house is the dining-room, with tapestry walls and mahogany finishings. A lace-covered opalescent shade of green hanging low over the table was decorated with asparagus plumosa, and in the center of the table was a mound of poinsettia. Poinsettia also banked the mullioned china closets and the candelabra were shaded in large pale green and white silk flowers.

Kratzer-Davison.

A dainty wedding of last evening was that of Miss Nellie May Kratzer and Dr. Robert E. Davison, which was solemnized at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride in Glenfield. The home was tastefully decorated, white and gold predominating. The attendants of the bride were Miss Ella Bossert, maid of honor, and the Misses Virginia Smith, Elsie Martin, Minnie Noble and Lyda Davison, maids. The bride wore a wedding gown of white satin messaline, trimmed with point lace, and carried a bouquet of bride roses. The flower girl, Anna Lear, a cousin of the bride, wore white and carried white roses. Covers were laid for 75 guests, and the color scheme was carried out at the table. After a wedding trip to the eastern cities Dr. Davison and his bride will live in Butler street. Many out-of-town guests were present, a special train carrying Pittsburgh and Allegheny guests.

Pittsburghers Going Abroad.

A party of Pittsburghers will sail aboard the Celtic, leaving New York on January 6, for a three months' tour of Mediterranean ports. Among the local people sailing will be Mr. and Mrs. Henry King, who have recently returned to their apartments in the Schenley after spending the summer and fall in Canada; their daughter, Miss Winifred King; Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Miller, Miss Ruth L. Miller, Miss Gwendolen Burgwin and Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Childs.

Mrs. Waterman in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Cameron Beach Watson of Detroit is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Miller, of Fifth avenue, Shadyside. Mrs. Waterman will be remembered as Miss Lois Fleming Miller. This is her first visit to Pittsburgh since her marriage and it will be only a short one, as she expects to return to Detroit very soon after the holidays.

Notes of Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Winters of Stockton avenue, Allegheny, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lillie May Winters, to Robert Porter Graham of this city. The wedding will take place in January, in the Arch Street Methodist Episcopal church, with the Rev. H. J. Giles officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf F. Smith of Jeannette will entertain this evening in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Smith is cashier of the Peoples National bank of Jeannette.

Invitations have been issued by the Misses Urban of South Beatty street for a sallmagundi party on Thursday afternoon of next week.

"Ora Samuel Gray of Amherst, Mass., will lecture on "Three P's in a Pod" in the Bellevue Methodist Episcopal church this evening. The lecture is one in a series.

At the parsonage of the Knoxville Methodist Episcopal church yesterday afternoon, Miss Martha Imbrie, daughter of Mrs. Robert L. McMillin of Bridgeville and granddaughter of Mrs. Robert Imbrie, was united in marriage to Otis Taylor, the Rev. Paul Weyand officiating.

Miss Mary Ann Robinson, daughter of Select Councilman John Robinson of the Fourth ward, Allegheny, who has been attending Miss Dana's school at Morristown, N. J., will arrive home this morning for a visit during the holiday vacation.

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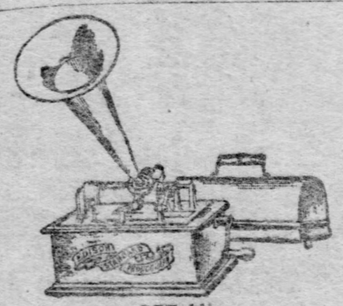

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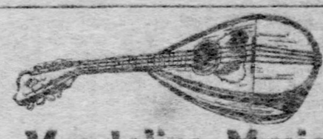

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of Exeter street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Heltz's lot 114-91-100 feet to Hazelwood avenue.

G. Gordan Smith and Edwin M. Davis.
M. L. D. 40, December, 1905, $44.89
Lot fronting 25 feet on west side of Greenfield avenue, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Baker's lot 100 feet to Theodolite alley.

John Trainor.
M. L. D. 41, December, 1905, $44.89
Lot fronting 25 feet on west side of Greenfield avenue, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Baker's lot 100 feet to Theodolite alley.

Sarah Walsh.
M. L. D. 42, December, 1905, $42.17
Lot fronting 25 feet on south side of Montclair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Schwanbarn's lot 90 feet more or less.

Mary Ellen Byrne.
M. L. D. 2, May, 1905, $97.61
Lot fronting 35 feet on west side of Craig street, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Coyle's lot, 143 89-100 feet to Grant boulevard.

Laura A. Devine.
M. L. D. 32, May, 1905, $150.00
Lot fronting 20 feet on south side of Frazier street, Fourteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Hogan's lot, 100 feet to Whitney alley.

Sarah Lowenstein.
M. L. D. 5, August, 1905, $301.49
Lot fronting 50 feet on north side of Frankstown avenue, Thirty-seventh ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Brook's lot, 145 feet, more or less.

Andrew W. Martin, et ux.
M. L. D. 15, August, 1905, $127.31
Lot fronting 25 6-100 feet on north side of Mansion street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Sadler and Martin's lot, 105 76-100 feet to an alley.

Mary M. Speer.
M. L. D. 27, August, 1905, $870.27
Lot fronting 125 5-10 feet on northwest side of Sterrett street, Twenty-first ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Bennett street, 50 feet, more or less.

Adam Holzman.
M. L. D. 29, August, 1905, $115.75
Lot fronting 25 feet on east side of Downing street, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Dickson street, 50 feet, more or less.

Eliza Byrne.
M. L. D. 38, August, 1905, $162.17
Lot fronting 25 feet on north side of Fifty-seventh street, Eighteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Montgomery's lot, 334 3-100 feet to an alley.

Charles R. Lockhart and Nannie M. Dalzell.
M. L. D., 48, August, 1905.
Lot fronting 20 feet on south side of Fifty-seventh street, Eighteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along George's lot, 235 54-100 feet.

Sarah McCarren.
M. L. D. 50, August, 1905, $275.72
Lot fronting 50 feet on north side of Fifty-seventh street, Eighteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Hunter's lot, 179 13-100 feet to Dresden alley.

T. F. Manley.
M. L. D. 53, August, 1905, $159.50
Lot fronting 40 feet on south side of Fifty-seventh street, Eighteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Estep's lot, 160 feet more or less.

Henry Lewis.
M. L. D. 78, August, 1905, $240.82
Lot fronting 30 feet on east side of Inwood street, Twenty-first ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Neely's lot, 155 51-100 feet to McCombs street.

Alexander Wallace, et al., Trustee.
M. L. D. 77, August, 1905, $109.87
Lot fronting 25 feet on south side of Winfield street, Twenty-first ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Paul's lot, 100 feet to Victory alley.

J. M. Hammett.
M. L. D. 95, August, 1905, $209.35
Lot fronting 24 feet on north side of Almonda street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Kennedy's lot, 120 feet to Paw-Paw alley.

George H. Daum.
M. L. D. 108, August, 1905, $68.63
Lot fronting 20 feet on west side of Bellefield avenue, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Behringer's lot, 100 feet to an alley.

John A. Brown.
M. L. D. 109, August, 1905, $188.69
Lot fronting 30 feet on southwest side of Algace street, Thirty-seventh ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Beacon's lot, 103 61-100 feet to Tioga street.

Joseph A. Finney.
M. L. D. 118, August, 1905, $151.31
Lot fronting 24 feet on west side of Blair street, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Jenkins street, 95 feet more or less.

C. Dostler.
M. L. D. 142, August, 1905, $109.47
Lot fronting 21 feet on north side of Beulah street, Twenty-seventh ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Bernthaler's lot 126 feet to Kelso alley.

J. P. Mahoney.
M. L. D. 143, August, 1905, $187.13
Lot fronting 84 feet on north side of Beulah street, Twenty-seventh ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Orchard's lot, 50 feet to Summer street.

George W. Holmes.
M. L. D. 154, August, 1905, $297.56
Lot fronting 80 feet on south side of Hermitage street, Twenty-first ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Murtland street, 95 99-100 feet more or less.

W. A. McDonald.
M. L. D. 155, August, 1905, $136.22
Lot fronting 35 feet on south side of Hermitage street, Twenty-first ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Austin's lot, 140 feet to Fletcher alley.

Robert T. Stuart.
M. L. D. 158, August, 1905, $290.51
Lot fronting 40 feet on north side of Hermitage street, Twenty-first ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Holland's lot, 93 66-100 feet.

Celina Wilson.
M. L. D. 176, August, 1905, $306.66
Lot fronting 64 5-10 feet on west side Beatty street, Nineteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Robly alley, 126 36-100 feet to Orchard alley.

Con Curtin.
M. L. D. 183, August, 1905, $200.75
Lot fronting 25 feet on north side of Preble street, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Denny's lot, 130 feet to Phelan alley.

Mary Meehan.
M. L. D. 191, August, 1905, $153.50
Lot fronting 25 feet on south side of Preble street, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back 106 feet to Grant boulevard.

Thomas Wren.
M. L. D. 195, August, 1905, $200.75
Lot fronting 25 feet on south side of Preble street, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Mahoney's lot, 125 17-100 feet to Grant boulevard.

George W. Holmes.
M. L. D. 200, August, 1905, $382.08
Lot fronting 69 99-100 feet on east side of Murtland street, Twenty-first ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Hermitage street, 80 feet more or less.

John C. McCausland and Mary Jane Wunderlich.
M. L. D. 205, August, 1905, $272.22
Lot fronting 45 feet on east side of Murtland street, Twenty-first ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Holmes' lot, 100 feet, more or less.

Frank Pschierer.
M. L. D. 206, August, 1905, $302.24
Lot fronting 50 feet on west side of Murtland street, Twenty-first ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along an alley, 100 feet, more or less.

Margaretta McClaren.
M. L. D. 25, November, 1905, $146.24
Lot fronting 30 feet on south side of Bond street, Nineteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Baker's lot, 100 feet to an alley.

Margarette McClaren.
M. L. D. 26, November, 1905, $146.24
Lot fronting 30 feet on south side of Bond street, Nineteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Morrow street, 100 feet to an alley.

Margarette McClaren.
M. L. D. 27, November, 1905, $878.64
Lot fronting 180 feet on south side of Bond street, Nineteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and extending back along Dickson's lot, 100 feet to an alley.

Sheriff's Office, Pittsburgh, Pa., December 13, 1905.

JAMES W. DICKSON, Sheriff.

ENDOWMENTS OF W. & J. INCREASED

President Moffatt Announces Donors and Names New Professors at Annual Meeting.

PROVIDE FOR POOR STUDENTS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 20.—Before the board of trustees of Washington and Jefferson college at the annual meeting this afternoon, J. V. Thompson of Uniontown, announced he would increase his endowment for the president's chair of the institution from $100,000 to $140,000. The endowment was a voluntary one. President Moffatt in his annual report announced endowments and donations to the college during the year to the amount of $165,710.62, as follows:

J. V. Thompson, Uniontown, $140,000; Mrs. Mary Thaw Thompson, Pittsburgh, $11,456.62; R. H. Boggs, Allegheny, $5,000; estate of John F. Robinson, formerly of Sewickley, $5,000; estate of Mrs. M. A. Little of Washington, $6,000; memorial and class subscriptions, $2,325.30. The $5,000 from Mr. Boggs is to be invested in 6 per cent bonds, and the interest to be devoted to the education of poor students. The president's report showed that the attendance this year was 864, the largest enrollment in the history of the institution.

President Moffatt reported the following new instructors had been appointed: chair of Greek, Prof. Arthur A. Hays to succeed Dr. J. M. Mecklin; chair of mathematics, Prof. J. M. Miller to succeed Prof. George F McCutcheon; chair of Latin, Prof. Robert B. English to succeed Prof. H. F. Allen, and chair of chemistry, Prof. R. G. Wright to succeed Prof. Robert K. Duncan. It was announced several new courses had been arranged and that several important changes had been made in the curriculum.

Dr. Moffatt in his report stated changes should be made in the football rules. The trustees present from Pittsburgh and other points were: William R. Thompson, Pittsburgh; Josiah V. Thompson, Uniontown; the Rev. John M. Barnett, Markleton; the Rev. Dr. D. A. Cunningham, Wheeling, W. Va., and Edward McDonald of McDonald.

COOK FILES ANSWER.

Enters Denials of Charges Made in Suit Growing Out of Enterprise Bank Failure.

Lemert S. Cook has filed an answer to the equity suit of D. L. Patterson against him and the Guarantee Title and Trust Company, an action resulting over stock. The suit was entered soon after the failure of the Enterprise National bank, and was a result of it.

Cook denies several portions of the plaintiff's bill, and demands proof of others. He says he bought and paid for the stock on the faith of the production of the certificate with the blank power of attorney indorsed thereon and the blank power of attorney dated August 28, 1905. He says it is true the stock was pledged by him to the Guarantee Title and Trust Company to secure a note given by him for a loan of $5,500, but denies the plaintiff's title to this stock. He avers the Duquesne National bank wrongfully refused to make a transfer of the stock. Cook continuing says:

"I bought and paid for this stock without any knowledge or suspicion that the plaintiff had not parted with all his interest therein, as shown by the certificate with his blank power of attorney indorsed thereon, and exhibited to me before I purchased the same, and also a blank power of attorney dated August 28, 1905, which was delivered to the trust company before I paid my money, and upon the faith of which I made the purchase, copies of which papers are attached to the answer filed by the Guarantee Title and Trust Company and are referred to as a part of this answer."

Whipmakers Re-Elect Directors.

PORTLAND, ME., Dec. 20.—Only routine business was transacted at the annual meeting of the United States Whip Company, held in this city today. The old board of directors was re-elected with the exception of W. A. Underwood of Sidney, O., who resigned because ill health. No one was selected to fill the vacancy.

Nothing can equal our own dressed Ohio turkeys this Christmas. McCann & Co., 405-10 Market street.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie R. R. Will Honor Holiday Excursion Tickets On the "Buffalo Limited."

All agents of the P. & L. E. have been instructed to sell holiday excursion tickets for the famous 6-hour train to Buffalo. New observation and dining cars just installed on this train, leaving Pittsburgh 10:00 a. m. City Time. Pullman reservations made by 'phone.

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Monotype Keyboard Operators
Compositors
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Feeders
Brakemen

Wanted: Non-Union Pressmen. Web-Rotary, $30.00 a week; Harris, Flat-Bed, and Cylinder Presses, $20.00 to $25 a week.

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Write stating experience and **positively give names and addresses** of references.

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MERCANTILE, INC., 434 Fourth ave.

MAN to collect. M. & M. Agency, 24½ Fifth st.

MANAGER for general store. M. & M. Agency, 24½ Fifth st.

15 rough carpenters to do fireproofing work. Cor. Center and Euclid, the National Fireproofing Co.

MEN and boys wanted to learn plumbing trade; pays $5 day after completing course of practical instruction at home or in our schools; graduates admitted to Union and Master Plumbers' association; positions secured. Coyne Bros., plumbing schools, New York, St. Louis, Mo., Cincinnati, O. Free catalogue.

MEN—Young, to travel; also city salesmen, $20 to $30 month; opportunities for beginners; also drivers, warehousemen, collectors.
NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT BUREAU,
205 Federal st., Allegheny.

MEN and boys wanted in shop who wish to make from one to three dollars more per week. Address K 24, The Gazette.

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MERCANTILE, INC., 434 Fourth ave.

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PIPE COVERERS—Union men only. Johns Manville Co., 220 First ave., Pittsburgh.

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PRESSMEN wanted: first-class job pressmen to work in open shops; nine hours day; best wages to competent workmen. Apply with references, P. O. Box 200, Cleveland, O.

SALESMAN—An experienced clothing salesman at once; steady position. Address Bachman & Sons, Braddock, Pa.

STENOGRAPHER—To act in the capacity of chief clerk to manager of large lumber company; must be capable of handling correspondence without dictation and taking full charge of the business in the absence of the manager; will have to travel part of the time, therefore, a single man preferred; experience in lumber business preferred, but not absolutely necessary; location North Carolina; $800 and expenses to start; call, write, HAPGOODS, 705 Park bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

STENOGRAPHER, experienced, $75 to $100; good opening in city. Commercial Clearing House, 432 Wood st.

STENOGRAPHER and assistant; $75.00 per month to start; Labor Exchange, rear Nixon theater.

STENOGRAPHER—Experienced; $80 per month. Address K 55, The Gazette.

STENOGRAPHER. M. & M. Agency, 24½ Fifth st.

SUPERINTENDENT—For large eastern manufacturing concern; must have experience in the manufacturing of gas and electrical fixtures; have executive ability and be able to handle men; salary according to the man; call, write. HAPGOODS, 705 Park bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

WANTED—One of the large department stores of this city is desirous of engaging the services of a thoroughly experienced floor manager. Position will be open about January 1. One who is conversant with general lines of retail trade and who can demonstrate his ability will be able to secure a permanent and well-paid position. Address, giving full particulars, references, etc., to O 23, The Gazette.

WANTED—Recruits for the U. S. Marine Corps; able-bodied, unmarried men between 21 and 35; good character; must speak, read and write English; citizens of the United States, or those who have legally declared their intention to become such; marines serve at sea on men-of-war in all parts of the world, on land in our island possessions and at naval stations in the United States. Apply room 414, Postoffice building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

WANTED—Quick, six experienced sheeters. Apply Employment Office, Pressed Steel Car Company, Allegheny, Pa.

WANTED—Ten lathers, wages $2 per thousand. Apply ready for work, Old Heidleberg apartments, Braddock ave., above Penn, East End.

WATCHMAN. M. & M. Agency, 24½ Fifth st.

YOUNG MEN—Two young men from 18 to 25 years; must be good penmen, quick and accurate at figures, for general office work with manufacturing firm. Knowledge of bookkeeping desirable, not essential. Salary $60 per month. Good opportunity for the right man. Address in own handwriting, J. C., P. O. Box 74, Allegheny, Pa.

YOUNG MAN with some knowledge of machinists' tools; good chance for advancement.
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YOUNG MAN for stenographer.
MERCANTILE, INC., 434 Fourth ave.

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YOUNG MAN for assistant in office (2.)
MERCANTILE, INC., 434 Fourth ave.

Female Help.

A YOUNG girl to make herself useful in doctor's office, $3 week. Apply 454 Penn ave.

CHECKER—A good checker; apply at once, Star Laundry Co., Center ave. and Soho st.

GIRL, Protestant white girl, for general housework; must be good cook; best wages. Call 4859 Center ave.

GIRL to take charge of filing in busy office; state age; $5 per week. Address Y 21, The Gazette.

HOUSEKEEPER, middle-aged lady, Catholic preferred. Inquire at Jones' store, New Town, Turtle Creek, Pa.

JOIN the new class in ART Wednesdays and Saturdays, 2 p. m. THE WORLD UNIVERSITY, 433 Wood st.

LADIES wanted for reliable work, stamping transfers; $1.50 to $3 dozen; taken home; fascinating; quickly learned. Keller, room 612 Smith block.

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STENOGRAPHERS wanted; experienced stenographers; age over twenty; high school graduate; salary $10; give references. Address E 22, The Gazette.

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WANTED—German girl for general housework; must be good cook. Call 651 College ave., E. E.

WANTED—Situation by man as superintendent of a building, collector, salaried salesman or other employment; capable and trustworthy; strictly sober and reliable. Address H 38, The Gazette.

SALESMAN—First-class; has ability, clean record and convincing talker, in or outside. Address Z 21, The Gazette.

SITUATION—Good cook and laundress wants work. 507 West Ohio st., Allegheny.

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FREE GOLD WATCHES.

In accordance with its annual custom of giving suitable Christmas presents to purchasers of holiday scholarships, THE ACTUAL BUSINESS COLLEGE will give a GOLD WATCH FREE to every student enrolling on or before January 15, 1906. For particulars write for catalogue or visit THE ACTUAL BUSINESS COLLEGE, No. 310 Fifth ave., Pittsburgh. Established over a quarter of a century. Easy payments; written guarantees; positions secured; day and night school all year; bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting, penmanship and English departments for young and middle-aged men and women. Ten-Cent Store building.

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Apartments.

YOUNG COUPLE want flat, three to five rooms, for light housekeeping, or two rooms and board; must be near new observatory. Address or inquire Allegheny Observatory, 'Phone 1442 J. Cedar.

Farms.

WE have buyers for good farms; if you want to sell communicate with us at once.
S. V. THOMPSON COMPANY, 350 Times Bldg.

Mortgages.

PROMPT attention given to mortgage applications, filed with
TREASURY TRUST CO.,
219 Fourth ave.

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H. C. EVERT & CO., Patent Attorneys, 506 Smithfield st., opposite postoffice.

Business Opportunities.

WANTED—Grocery store, $800 to $1,500 stock. Write 1102 Swissvale ave., Wilkinsburg.

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PAINT PRESERVES PROPERTY.
Protect your home with good paint put on by a trustworthy painter.
711 Forbes st., Both telephones.
P. J. BRYNE, 634 Fifth ave.

VOL-TA-IC diamonds have never been imitated; they take the place of the expensive genuine diamonds; not in the hands of other jewelers. Arona Jewelry Co., sole owners, 926 Liberty st., corner Seventh ave.

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FOR RENT.—FURNISHED ROOMS.

City and Suburban.

ATWOOD ST., 325—Two neatly furnished rooms, all conveniences; reasonable rent; convenient location.

ATWOOD ST., 313—Two front rooms, first and second floors; light housekeeping; all conveniences.

ATWOOD ST., 431—Large front room, well furnished; also smaller room; modern conveniences; near Carnegie library.

BIDDLE AVE., 411, Wilkinsburg—Large alcove room, neatly furnished, $10, or $12 for two; private family.

CAROLINA ST., 350, Oakland—2 furnished connecting rooms; all conveniences.

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KENNETT SQUARE, 3209, Oakland—Well furnished second floor room; all conveniences; very reasonable rent; nice location.

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East End.

ALDER ST., 5960—One second-story front room, with board; all conveniences; references.

AURELIA ST., 6348—Large nicely furnished alcove front room; all conveniences; near East Liberty station.

CENTER AVE., 7526, near Negley ave.—Furnished rooms, all conveniences; table board near.

LEHIGH AVE., 329—January 1, second floor alcove room, well furnished; also cosy third floor room.

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ST. JAMES ST., 913—Comfortably furnished rooms; gentlemen only; near all car lines and Soup station.

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Allegheny.

ALLEGHENY AVE., corner North, Allegheny—Nicely furnished front rooms, with or without board; all modern conveniences.

ARCH ST., 1411, Allegheny—Two nicely furnished rooms; modern conveniences; ladies or gentlemen; small privileges; 5 minutes' walk to library.

ARCH ST., 612—Three connecting rooms, nicely furnished; also others; unfurnished attic and large cellar.

BRECH AVE., 328, Allegheny—Two furnished rooms, suitable for gentlemen or couple; board if desired; 10 minutes to city.

FOR RENT.—FURNISHED ROOMS.

Allegheny.

CEDAR AVE., 512, Allegheny—Finely furnished rooms, bath connected, both gases, desirable location.

CEDAR AVE., 806—Furnished rooms, all conveniences, rent very reasonable.

COMFORTABLY furnished steam-heated room, strictly private family; terms reasonable. Cochran, 204 East North ave., Allegheny.

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ESPLANADE ST., 1211, Allegheny—One large furnished room for one or two gentlemen; home comforts. 1139 R-Cedar.

FAYETTE ST., 1253, Allegheny—Suites elegantly furnished front rooms, housekeeping, private bath, running water, Western ave. cars.

FEDERAL ST., 1534, Allegheny—One large unfurnished room, second floor; gases and water; rent $8.00 month.

MARTIN ST., 411, near Sixth st. bridge—One nicely furnished room, suitable for two gentlemen or couple.

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SANDUSKY ST., 814, Allegheny—Nicely furnished front parlor, for three or four gentlemen; conveniences; board if desired.

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SHEFFIELD ST., 1434, Allegheny—Elegant room, all conveniences; no objections to light housekeeping; $2 week.

ROOMS AND BOARD.

City and Suburban.

BEN VENUE AVE., 4725—Take Bloomfield car; nicely furnished room for gentlemen only; terms reasonable.

CAKLAND AVE., 356—Cheerful rooms in modern house, with board; rates reasonable; would let for light housekeeping.

PENN AVE., 3105, Wilkinsburg—Furnished rooms, first-class table board; reasonable rates; near two car lines.

THE SWEARINGEN.
Craft ave., below Forbes; beautiful rooms, first-class board; transient or regular people. Bell 3973 Schenley, P. & A. 244 Park.

East End.

ALDER ST., 5914—New house, newly furnished rooms, first-class table board. Bell 3115, ring J Highland. Inquire 5961 Alder st.

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STATION ST., 6209—Room with good board; outside members served; private home. Bell 2381-L Highland.

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Allegheny.

NORTH AVE., West, 825, Allegheny—Two nicely furnished rooms with first-class board; gentlemen; private family.

OHIO ST., 207 West, Allegheny—First-class rooms and board for gentlemen; terms moderate.

PENNSYLVANIA AVE., 826, Allegheny—Nicely furnished rooms for gentlemen; also first-class board; conveniences.

SANDUSKY ST., 1225, Allegheny—Nicely-furnished front hall bedroom, 2d floor; gas and bath; board optional; $1.50 a week.

THE NORTHERN HOTEL.
To Let—Furnished rooms by day, week or month; heated by hot water system; telephone; electric and gas light in each room. 209-211 East Ohio st., Allegheny.

FOR RENT.—UNFURNISHED ROOMS.

City and Suburban.

FIFTH AVE., 1717—Two unfurnished second floor front rooms for light housekeeping or office; very reasonable.

LOMBARD ST., 320—Three rooms and a cellar; large yard; very reasonable rent.

THREE ROOMS, Mt. Washington, fourteen dollars; bath, laundry, private porch; leave car at Boggs, Wills & Minsinger.

East End.

COLLINS AVE., 509—Two rooms, use of reception hall, suitable for a doctor or dressmaker; formerly occupied by a doctor, bath.

FRANKSTOWN AVE., 6809 Large, unfurnished light housekeeping room; ladies only; reasonable to right parties; call evening, 2d floor.

HOMEWOOD AVE. and Mt. Vernon st.—Four rooms, bath, gas, furnace; very reasonable rent. Inquire for C. H. Sipes.

RACE ST., 7421—Three rooms, second floor; all conveniences; halls and stairs carpeted; $16 per month.

Allegheny.

FREMONT ST., 1017, Allegheny—Two unfurnished or furnished rooms for light housekeeping.

FULTON ST., 1413, Allegheny—Four unfurnished rooms, third floor, all modern conveniences; near cars; $18 month.

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City and Suburban Residences.

FOR RENT.
IRWIN AVE., Squirrel Hill—9-room brick, $26 per month to April 1.
KENNETT SQUARE, 3101—9-room brick dwelling $40 per month.
UNION AND ELIZABETH STS., near Lorenz ave., 29th ward—5 and 6-room dwellings; rent $15 per month.
EUCLID AVE., Allegheny—Two 8-room frame residences; modern.
RIDGEWOOD AVE., West View—Two 8-room brick residences; rent cheap to April 1.
FIRST FLOOR, 524 Fourth ave.—Suitable for office or storeroom.
MORTGAGE BANKING CO.,
423 Fourth ave.

TO LET.
$17—Breeds Hill st., near Rebecca, frame, 5 rooms and attic.
$17—Geneva st., brick, 6 rooms.
$22—Rosetta st., new frame, 5 rooms, bath.
$32—43rd st., brick, 8 rooms, bath.
$50—Collins ave., brick, 10 rooms, tiled bath and all improvements.
$65—Lowell st., brick, 14 rooms, bath.
$75—Millvale ave., brick, 11 rooms, all conveniences.
D. BEHEN & SON, No. 4063 Penn ave.

$40.00—2016 CENTER AVE.—$40.00.
Center ave., near Dinwiddie st., close to downtown section. 2-story and mansard brick, 9 rooms, hall, bath, gases, h. and c. water, laundry, etc. All in good condition; very suitable for rooming house. Act quick. This will not last long.
ARONSON REALTY CO.,
ARONSON BLDG., 846 FIFTH AVENUE.

LIVE IN BELLEVUE WHERE the air is pure and the water is free from disease germs and mud—nice 7-room reception hall buff brick dwelling, with furnace, cemented cellar and laundry, at 100 Hallett place, near Fremont st. and Lincoln ave.; handy to station; possession at once; rental $55.
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Brand new modern dwellings in Sheridan ave., near Stanton ave. (Highland park district); 9 rooms, bath, electric light; will paper to suit tenant; $40 to April 1, $55 thereafter.
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At 3414 Bates st., near Wilmot st., 5-room brick house in good condition; gas, hot and cold water; range, etc.
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$55 for attractive stone and brick dwelling at 434 Atwood st., Oakland—9 rooms, reception hall, bath, furnace, large closets.
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311 Fourth ave.

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Wylie ave., 2841—6-room dwelling, bath, all conveniences; rent free to January 1.
W. GRIFFIN,
2842 Wylie ave. Bell 774-L, Schenley.

$25 FOR 5-ROOMS AND BATH.
Brick house at 534 Herron ave., near Center ave., good house.
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NEW FOUR-ROOM BRICK.....$15.00
RENT FREE TO JANUARY FIRST
OLIVER PLACE LAND CO.,
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FOR RENT—Small 6-room house in West Liberty; water, gas, cellar; immediate possession; rent $17.00.
ALBERT H. OYER,
431 Fourth ave. Bell 'Phone 2104 Court.

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A BEAUTIFUL HOUSE FOR $55.
To Be Let—At 156 Meliwood ave., near Center ave., 2-story standard brick house, 7 rooms, reception hall; hardwood floors on 1st story; complete in all respects; worth $75 a month; owner must leave city and can give possession January 1.
REAL ESTATE TRUST CO.,
311 FOURTH AVE.

8-ROOM brick house, bath, two w. c.'s, laundry and tubs, natural gas for heat and light, cemented cellar, front and rear porches, yard, new house, newly papered and window shades all hung. The two third-floor rooms are square. The present tenant is moving out of the state and wishes to procure a good tenant for the owner. Rent $25 a month; a bargain. 7727 Kelly st., city.

A COMPLETE LIST of East End houses and apartments, with map, sent free upon request. S. H. LLOYD, No. 3074 Penn ave.

FOR RENT.

Allegheny Residences.

NOTICE TO LANDLORDS.
WE SERVE
APRIL 1 QUIT NOTICES
FREE OF CHARGE.
Place your property with us for rent, and receive prompt attention.
W. F. WEITERSHAUSEN,
717 East Ohio st., Allegheny, Pa.

QUIT NOTICES DELIVERED FREE.
Landlords, we will serve April 1 quit notices without charge; also special attention given to renting your vacant houses. Call and see us.
REAL ESTATE SAVINGS AND TRUST CO.,
522 Federal st., Allegheny.

HOUSE—$40; Resaca st., Allegheny; 8 large rooms and attic; near parks; convenient to 3 car lines, immediate possession. Albert H. OYER, Ast., 431 Fourth ave., Bell 'Phone Court 2104.

Apartments.

THE BUCKINGHAM
HOUSEKEEPING FLATS,
CRAFT AVE. AND KENNETT SQ.
A 5-room flat, $35 per month.
A 6-room flat, $40 per month.
A 7-room flat, $45 per month.
A 5-room furnished flat, $55 per month.
RENTS INCLUDE ELECTRIC LIGHTS, STEAM HEAT AND LIBERAL SERVICE. REFERENCES REQUIRED.
THE BUCKINGHAM HOTEL CO.,
WM. H. MARSHALL, MGR.

FOR RENT.
$18 to $20 per month.
Choice apartments, three and four rooms, modern fixtures, in first-class order; good central location; Rouaud street, near Fifth ave. See
COMMONWEALTH REAL ESTATE CO.,
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FRIENDSHIP PARK APARTMENTS.
In the Lincoln Apartments, 324 Mathilda st., suites Nos. 1 and 4, first and second floors, respectively; 6 rooms and bath each. Low rental. Take Liberty or Penn ave. cars; get off at Mathilda st.
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311 FOURTH AVE.

STEAM HEATED APARTMENT—$35.
In the "Oakland Square," 3728 Boquet st., 1 square from Atwood st., 6 rooms and bath; steam heat for entire suite and gas for laundry furnished free.
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311 Fourth ave.

WILL PAPER TO SUIT TENANT.
Just one apartment left in the "Dakota" apartment building, 1122 Allegheny ave., Allegheny, containing 5 rooms and bath; within walking distance of market; $31 a month.
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APARTMENTS.
$23—Pearl st., 4 rooms, first floor, bath.
$25—Mathilda st., 6 rooms, second floor, bath, hot water furnished.
D. BEHEN & SON, No. 4063 Penn ave.

ONLY $30, INCLUDING STEAM HEAT.
In the "Monterey" apartments, 39 Collins ave., East End; suites of 4 rooms and bath; steam heat and hot water free.
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ONE COMFORTABLE APARTMENT—$28.
In the "Meredith," Falck and Fleming aves., Allegheny; 5 rooms and bath.
REAL ESTATE TRUST CO.,
311 Fourth ave.

FOR RENT—Furnished, together or separately, parlor, dining room and kitchen on first floor and three bedrooms and bath above; use of reception hall and laundry. 802 Maryland ave.

FOR RENT—Four-room flat, steam heat, hot water; possession December 22; can be leased for next year; rent, $30.00. Address 639 Collins ave. 'Phone 1961-J, Highland.

HOMER APARTMENTS, $25. Take Center and Negley car to Homer st.

Business Properties.

TO BE LET.
Drug store, jewelry store, confectionery store or any other high retail establishment can get possession at once of the corner store-room in the Nixon theater building in Sixth ave. for a long term at low rent.
REAL ESTATE TRUST CO.,
311 FOURTH AVE.

LARGE BUSINESS ROOMS.
To Be Let—In the Werner bldg., 631 Penn ave., third floor, 3 large rooms, $1,100; fourth floor, 28x120, $1,800; elevator, heat and light; immediate possession.
REAL ESTATE TRUST CO.,
311 Fourth ave.

Manufacturing Sites.

MANUFACTURING SPACE.
ROOMS WITH OR WITHOUT POWER FOR MANUFACTURING OR STORAGE PURPOSES, OR ENTIRE BUILDING.
INQUIRE AT 2300 JOSEPHINE ST., OR TO JOHN BLEICHNER, 2208 CARSON ST., SOUTH SIDE.

Desk Room.

DESK ROOM—With desk; $10; use of 'phone. C. C. HAMILTON,
289 Fourth ave. Ground Floor.

Offices.

SWISSVALE AVE., 219, Edgewood—Doctor's office; best location and growing population; has been doctor's office four years.

Miscellaneous.

STABLE AND CARPENTER SHOP for rent in rear of No. 2035 Forbes st., facing alley. Stable contains 7 stalls.
MERCHANTS SAVINGS AND TRUST CO.,
1410-12 Fifth ave.

FOR SALE.

City and Suburban Residences.

WHY PAY RENT,
And get only rent receipts in return?
Pay your rent on your own home and own it. The following are in West Liberty, 10 minutes' ride from postoffice, and just built:

$3,500 each, one red brick, one buff brick, six rooms, attic, bath, w. c., hall, open stairway, sliding doors, cabinet mantels, chandeliers, cellar, porches, lot 30x100, terms $200 to $300 down and balance as rent.

$3,100—Frame house of 6 rooms, attic, modern improvements, hall, sliding doors, etc., same as above. Terms, $500 cash, balance as rent.

$2,700—Frame, 6 rooms, hall, gases, cabinet mantels in parlor, porches, cellar, etc. Terms to suit.

Call at once and see same.
ALBERT H. OYER,
431 Fourth ave. Bell 'Phone 2104 Court.

WILL MEAN SOMETHING.

CHRISTMAS WILL MEAN SOMETHING TO YOUR FAMILY
IF YOU THROW AROUND THEM THAT INDEPENDENCE THAT COMES WITH HOME-OWNING. WHAT WOULD BE A MORE ACCEPTABLE GIFT THAN A HOME? IT WOULD MAKE THE WHOLE FAMILY GLAD.
INVESTIGATE THE "ARONSON METHOD" FOR HOME BUYERS.
IT WILL HELP YOU OWN YOUR OWN HOME.
ARONSON REALTY COMPANY,
ARONSON BUILDING, 846 FIFTH AVENUE.

FINE HOMEWOOD HOME—$50,000.
A residence planned and built with the greatest care for owner's occupancy, is offered at the low price of $30,000. This house has 12 rooms, three bathrooms, hot water system of heating, hardwood finish and floors and is complete in every detail. Beautiful living room extends across entire front of house. Building is practically new and stands on a large lot in one of the best streets in Homewood.
REAL ESTATE TRUST CO.,
311 Fourth ave.

HOUSES—Cozy, new, small brick houses in East End; a small cash payment down during the winter months; balance in monthly payments; take Frankstown ave. cars to Sterritt st. and walk up to 7303 Hermitage st. If you are on a lease, we will take care of it for you.

8 TO 10% INVESTMENT.
To Be Sold—Block of houses in good condition, Sixth ward, near Forbes st., on lot 84x120 ft., fronting on two streets. Now rent for $2,640 a year, and this can be increased to $3,000. Price $30,000. Terms to suit.
REAL ESTATE TRUST CO.,
311 FOURTH AVE.

FOR SALE—Sacrifice, only $8,000; No. 1122 Mellon st., near Hampton, 19th ward; lot 31x113; handsome 11-room solid brick house, reception hall, parlor and hall finished in hardwood; instantaneous water heater and all conveniences.
L. A. CLARK & CO.,
Suite 512 Columbia Bank Bldg.,
Corner Fourth Ave. and Wood St.

FOR SALE—Pressed brick house, 6 rooms, all modern conveniences, paved street, near Edgewood station. $4,500. Terms one-third cash. Inquire F. B. Tomb, 803 Farmers Bank building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

East End Residences.

FOR SALE—$3,450—No other like it.
NEAR FAIRMOUNT AVE.
The coziest, most comfortable little brick house in East End; 5 rooms, hall, bath, porches; has hot and cold water, pantry, hardwood mantels; lot 26x106 feet.
It is a little gem.
D. BEHEN & SON, No. 4063 Penn ave.

FOR SALE—$75,000—Shadyside house in Fifth ave.; house contains 12 large rooms and 3 bathrooms; large lot; everything modern. P. O. box 512, city.

FOR SALE.

East End Residences.

FOR SALE—We have for sale four handsome, up-to-date, solid brick residences in the East End, ranging in price from $21,500 to $22,500; any one of these houses is a decided bargain. All located in strictly first-class district, in Nineteenth and Twentieth wards; we are commissioned to get an offer on any of these four properties.
L. A. CLARK & CO.,
Suite 512 Columbia Bank Bldg.,
Corner Fourth Ave. and Wood St.

FOR SALE—Ivy street, 30th ward, Pittsburgh. New brick house, 11 rooms, hall, all modern improvements, including cabinet mantels, water heater, furnace, porches, etc.; lot 20-foot front; price $4,500 cash and assume a mortgage.
A. D. WILSON, 321 Federal st., Allegheny, Pa.

FOR SALE—New brick residence, South Mathilda st.; 8 rooms, bath and laundry, hardwood floors, cabinet mantels, electric light and gas, instantaneous water heater and all modern improvements.
PAGE BROS. & CO.,
5150 Penn ave.

LOOK AT THIS.
ONLY $800.
For Sale—Dwelling house, 4 rooms. Lot 25x100 feet; Morningside. Must Be Sold.
JOHN SYKES,
5239 Butler st.

FOR SALE—$22,000; No. 246 Atlantic ave.; lot 60x150, to a 40-foot street; handsome 12-room, solid brick, center hall house; finished in hardwood throughout; 3 bath rooms; strictly up-to-date.
L. A. CLARK & CO.,
Suite 512 Columbia Bank Bldg.,
Corner Fourth Ave. and Wood St.

Allegheny Residences.

FOR SALE.

Four, handsome, up-to-date frame residences, situate in Maple ave., one square from Perrysville ave., 16th ward, Allegheny; each lot has a frontage of 25x119 ft.; each house contains 9 rooms, bath, reception hall, instantaneous water heater; in fact, complete in every detail; price, $5,000 each; $500 cash, balance may be paid same as rent; these properties are located in a $6,000 district.

L. A. CLARK & CO.,
Exclusive Agents.
Suite 512 Columbia Bank Bldg.,
Cor. 4th Ave. & Wood St.

Farms.

FOR SALE—Here are three large stock farms that are well located and bargains. The first contains 370 acres, is well improved, is underlaid with coal; located 4 miles from Youngstown, O.
The second farm contains 317 acres, improved, in high state of cultivation. This farm is run by a manager and nets the owner 6 per cent on the price asked; is located on a macadamized road, 2 miles from Niles. Price $17,000.
The third farm contains 307 acres; excellent soil. There are about 40 acres of timber on this farm; fair improvements; front main road; near school; 4 miles from town, R. R. station and street car line. This farm is offered for a short time at $7,500. Terms $5,000 down. Ample time on balance. Ask for special description of this farm. All of these farms lie about level. Send for our large farm list.
WILSON & ORR, Niles, Ohio.

CHANCE SELDOM OFFERED.
Beautiful water front farm, eastern shore Maryland, on Chesapeake bay, of 170 acres; 12-room house; 55 acres growing wheat; plenty fruit of all kinds; one-half mile railroad, steamboat, postoffice; 44 miles to Baltimore, will exchange; no reasonable offer refused for quick sale. Address P. O. box 113, McDaniel, Md.

FINE farm, close to macadamized road, in Robinson township. Inquire of T. I. Hall, Remington, Pa.

AT A SACRIFICE—Fine farm, with inland bay of salt water; best hunting and fishing in Virginia. GARRETT, 116 Plume st., Norfolk, Va.

FOR Southern farms, timber lands and plantations address G. D. Hastings, 909 Hibernia Bank Building, New Orleans, La.

Lots.

FOR SALE.
$300 will buy a good building lot on Pannell st., Nineteenth ward. This is a bargain. Lot is worth $600. Must sell, need money. Address L 24, The Gazette.

CHEAP LOTS FOR BUILDER.
In Loretta st., near Greenfield ave.; lot 25x90 feet. Price $650.
REAL ESTATE TRUST CO.,
311 FOURTH AVE.

OAKMONT PROPERTY.
FOR attractive building sites at fair prices. Address T. S. M'ANLIS, Cor. Seventh and B. Oakmont, Pa. (Bell Phone 181.)

EIGHT lots at auction; on the Saltsburg road, near Center, Allegheny county, Pa., Wednesday, December 27, 1905, 2 p. m. James F. Hays, owner, Baltimore, Md.

Manufacturing Sites.

MANUFACTURING SITE.
127 feet on railroad and river frontage, 126 feet on Ontario st., 229 feet on Sterling st

FOR SALE.

Poultry, Birds and Dogs.

FOX'S PET SHOP

Old Virgin alley and Smithfield st., next door to the City hall, extends their Xmas greetings to ye townspeople. We offer unprecedented bargains in

ANGORA CATS—Colors jet black, black and white, golden, pure white and tortoise shell.

JAPANESE FISH—The real thing from Japan.

SINGING CANARIES—St. Andreasburg rollers at $2 50; never before sold in America at this price; all our birds speak for themselves.

PARROTS—Talkers and singers, and whistlers; if you want good healthy; clean stock, you can get it here.

2,000 GOLD FISH—From 10c up, we are headquarters for fish and aquaria and plants.

Remember the name and place.

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OLIVER AND SMITHFIELD, OLD VIRGIN ALLEY.

TWO black-breasted red game cocks; dead game; $3 each; 35 pair. Box 224, Sewickley.

Oil Production.

WILL sell a large acreage of defined territory, partly drilled, with a good, settled, daily production of Pennsylvania oil, at a very low price. Particulars, address Box 1396, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Typewriters.

SEE our stock before you buy. Machines at your own price. Rentals $2 up. Philadelphia Typewriter Supply Co., 324-4 Lewis building.

Miscellaneous.

UNREDEEMED DIAMONDS

FOR SALE.

DIAMOND RING

UNREDEEMED FIVE-STONE DIAMOND RING, weighing over 1¾ k.; pure white and absolutely perfect; diamond cost originally $250; we will sell for..... $120.00

DIAMOND AND EMERALD RING

UNREDEEMED DIAMOND AND EMERALD PRINCESS RING, 22 full cut genuine diamonds; pure white and five genuine emeralds; this makes a very handsome ring; original cost $140; will sell for..... $65.00

DIAMOND RING

UNREDEEMED SOLITAIRE DIAMOND RING, blue white; perfect cut and very brilliant; weighing ⅝ k.; original cost $109; we will sell for..... $55.00

DIAMOND SIGNET RING

UNREDEEMED DIAMOND SIGNET RING, weighing over ⅜ k.; 14 k. solid gold ring; original cost $75; we will sell for..... $40.00

DIAMOND STUD

UNREDEEMED SOLITAIRE DIAMOND STUD, pure white, absolutely perfect; weighing about 2½ k.; this is an extra fine gem; cost originally $425; we will sell for..... $225.00

DIAMOND RING

SOLITAIRE DIAMOND RING, very fine white diamond, weighing over 1 k.; beautifully cut, and very brilliant; cost originally $175; will sell for..... $94.00

DIAMOND EARRINGS

UNREDEEMED SOLITAIRE DIAMOND EARRINGS, weighing about ¾ k.; fine white and very brilliant diamonds, costing originally $130; we will sell for..... $55.00

THREE-STONE RING

UNREDEEMED THREE-STONE RING—Two diamonds, weighing over 1 k.; pure white and perfect diamonds, and a beautiful oriental ruby; original cost $220; we will sell for..... $105.00

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Open every evening till Christmas.

PITTSBURGH smoke and soot make painting necessary to keep places handsome and neat. Merchants of other cities are glad to meet such an outlay and do business here. All kinds of painting done promptly and well by P. J. BYRNE, Painter, Both telephones. 684 Fifth ave.

FOR SALE—Bargains, bargains, bargains—Two birch, one fine mahogany roll top desk, one leather Davenport, one small safe; extraordinary bargains to sort up. Baker Office Furniture Co., 815-817 Liberty ave.

VOL-TA-IC diamonds mounted in solid gold rings, pins, cardrops, stickpins, brooches, etc. Arons Jewelry Co., sole owners, 926 Liberty st., corner Seventh ave.

WONDERFUL! WONDERFUL!

Is what customers exclaim when they realize how much they are saving when buying

UNREDEEMED DIAMONDS

At DeROY'S

They are selling rapidly, but following are some as good bargains as any yet offered. Note carefully weights and descriptions.

THREE-STONE RING—All beautiful diamonds of finest luster and over ¼ kt. Original cost was $75. for sale at..... $36

TWO-STONE RING—A match pair of magnificent diamonds nearly ¾ kt. and both pure gems, worth $125, at..... $60

SOLITAIRE RING—A 2-karat diamond, absolutely perfect, brings easily $300 at any jeweler's, here at..... $180

SOLITAIRE TIFFANY—Just the right size diamond, for a beautiful gift—⅝ kt. everywhere at $50, we want but..... $25

DIAMOND PENDANT—33 full cut diamonds in most magnificent design. One of the best unredeemed bargains we have offered; worth fully $175, at..... $72

TIFFANY RING—A ½-kt. gem—strictly A1 in quality; worth $85, we will sell for..... $43

These give an idea of what we are asking for our unredeemed diamonds—we have others but not duplicates. Plain boxes if you want them, and our guarantee, which assures these as represented.

LOUIS DeROY & BROS.,

(Successors to Emanuel DeRoy.)

643 Smithfield st., near 7th Ave.

53 years in business.

Open evenings till Christmas.

FOR SALE—Fancy second-hand garments; ladies' and gents' (private house), 1341 Webster ave., Pittsburgh.

SALOONKEEPERS—Bargains; complete stock Pittsburgh Beer Pump Co.'s; Delp, Fourth and Liberty.

BAR FIXTURES, billiard and pool tables, desks, mirrors, safes, cash registers, show and wall cases. Delp's, Fourth and Liberty.

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Office, Magee St., near Fifth Ave. Four Squares East of Court House.

DIVIDENDS.

Office of Real Estate Trust Company of Pittsburgh,
311 Fourth ave.,
Pittsburgh, Dec. 19, 1905.

DIVIDEND—The directors of this bank have this day declared out of the earnings of the past quarter, the regular quarterly dividend of TWO AND ONE-HALF (2½) PER CENT on the capital stock, payable January 2, 1906, to stockholders of record on December 23, 1905. Transfer books will be closed from December 24, 1905, to January 2, 1906, inclusive. Checks will be mailed.

W. S. VAN DYKE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 20, 1905.

DIVIDEND—The board of directors of the Union Switch and Signal Company has this day declared a dividend of TWO AND ONE-HALF (2½) per cent on the preferred and TWO (2) per cent on the common stock of the company, payable by check January 10 to holders of record January 1. The transfer books will be closed January 1 and 10, inclusive. By order of the board.

JAMES JOHNSON, Secretary.

Provident Trust Company,
Ohio and Chestnut sts.,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 18, 1905.

DIVIDEND—The board of directors of this company has this day declared the regular quarterly dividend of ONE AND ONE-HALF (1½) PER CENT, payable January 2, 1906. Checks will be mailed.

H. C. ALBRECHT, Jr., Sec'y and Treas.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 18, 1905.

DIVIDEND—The board of directors of the Iron City Trust Company has this day declared a regular quarterly dividend of ONE AND ONE-QUARTER (1¼) PER CENT, out of the earnings of the past three months, payable January 2, 1906, to stockholders of record December 20, 1905. Checks will be mailed.

EDWARD HOOPES, Secretary.

Pittsburgh, Pa., December 20, 1905.

DIVIDEND No. 99—The board of directors of the Western Insurance Company has this day declared a semi-annual dividend of three (3) per cent, payable January 2, 1906, to stockholders of record December 23, 1905. Checks will be mailed.

D. DALLAS HARE, Secretary.

PERSONALS.

PERSONAL—Blanchard's Constitutional Tonic, greatest female remedy in the world, $1. Ceruta gives a clear pink and white complexion, fills out sunken eyes, cheeks, 90 days, $1. Hair removed, destroys superfluous hair, $1. Blanchard's Permanent Face Whitener, $2. Dr. Jane Blanchard, 440 Sixth ave.

PERSONAL—Do you know a good painter? If so, have him do your work; if not, send for P. J. BYRNE. All kinds of painting done in the best manner with the best material. 684 Fifth ave. Both telephones, 711 Forbes street.

PERSONAL—Vol-ta-ic diamonds have never been imitated; they take the place of the expensive genuine diamonds; not in the hands of other jewelers. Arons Jewelry Co., sole owners, 926 Liberty st., corner Seventh ave.

PERSONAL—Telephone given away with every purchase of hair goods, doll's wigs, and all kinds of fancy work. Mrs. U. Fester, 114 Federal st., Allegheny, and 221 Diamond st., Pittsburgh.

PERSONAL—Vol-ta-ic diamonds are the talk of the whole country; they puzzle the best judges. Only for sale by Arons Jewelry Co., 926 Liberty st., corner Seventh ave.

CASH PAID FOR CAST-OFF GARMENTS, LADIES AND GENTS. WRITE J. WALD, 1341 WEBSTER AVE., PITTSBURGH.

PERSONAL—Vol-ta-ic diamonds mounted in solid gold rings, pins, cardrops, stickpins, brooches, etc. Arons Jewelry Co., sole owners, 926 Liberty st., corner Seventh ave.

DAMAGE CASES—Personal injury and other damage cases taken on contingent fees. A No. 1 damage case lawyers. Address T 21, The Gazette.

PERSONAL—A $5 book of season tickets to Duquesne garden is what the boy or girl wants for a Xmas gift.

RELIABLE WATCH REPAIRING—We pay cash for old gold. CHRIST. HAUCH, 641 Smithfield st., Pittsburgh.

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ALLEGHENY TRANSFER & STORAGE CO., 840 NORTH AVE., WEST, ALLEGHENY.

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We are expert movers of furniture and pianos. J. O'NEIL, express and storage, 813-821 W. Diamond st., Allegheny.

LOST.

LOST—Vol-ta-ic diamonds have never been imitated; they take the place of the expensive genuine diamonds; not in the hands of other jewelers. Arons Jewelry Co., sole owners, 926 Liberty st., corner Seventh ave.

LOST—Don't worry about that boy's or girl's Xmas gift. A $5 book of season tickets to Duquesne garden will be more than appreciated.

LOST—Solid gold watch fob, made of gold coins, with monograms, on Fifth avenue or Smithfield st., on Monday afternoon; suitable reward if returned to The Gazette.

BROWN MUFF, on Dallas ave., between Hamilton and Frankstown aves. Reward if returned to 7206 Monticello st.

LOST—Watch fob, initials T. C. C., in Liberty avenue, near Millvale. Reward if left at The Gazette office.

LOST—Overcoat, at Duquesne Garden. Finder please return to Garden.

DETECTIVE AGENCIES.

INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, 623 Bessemer building. Bell 'phone 2107 Court.

BERRY DETECTIVE SERVICE, 432 Fifth ave. Bell telephone, Grant 848.

PERKINS' UNION DETECTIVE AGENCY—331 Fourth ave. Telephones—Private exchange.

DANCING ACADEMIES.

M'DOUGALL, Craig and Forbes, Pittsburgh; 27 Federal st., Allegheny. Every afternoon and evening; 10 lessons, $3; six private, $5; society, stage, clog, buck and wing and fancy dancing, $5 and $10 a dance.

REWARD.

REWARD—Vol-ta-ic diamonds mounted in solid gold rings, pins, cardrops, stickpins, brooches, etc. Arons Jewelry Co., sole owners, 926 Liberty st., corner Seventh ave.

INSURANCE AGENTS.

We have just paid three death benefits on our $1,000 policies for $1. Accidents daily make customers; no assessments; either sex. DUQUESNE REGISTRY COMPANY, Ferguson Building, Pittsburgh.

SPECIAL.

WANTED—Allegheny people to know that they can secure Buchanan's famous pure extracted honey by forming clubs. Write for terms, G. L. Buchanan, Hollidays Cove, W. Va.

FOUND.

FOUND—The right Xmas gift for that boy or girl. A $5 book of season tickets to Duquesne garden. It'll be appreciated.

DENTIST.

W. A. M'GIFFIN, 1112 Federal st., Allegheny.

ELECTIONS.

The United States National Bank of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 7, 1905.

SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING—A meeting of the shareholders of "The United States National Bank of Pittsburgh" will be held at the banking house, 503 Market st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 m., for the purpose of voting on a proposed amendment to the articles of association. A motion will be made to change article III., which now reads, "The board of directors shall consists of eleven (11) shareholders," to read as follows: "The board of directors shall consist of not less than seven (7) shareholders and not more than fifteen (15) shareholders."

C. F. SCHAEFER, Cashier.

DOLLAR SAVINGS FUND & TRUST CO.,
527 Federal street,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 16, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election of the stockholders of the Dollar Savings Fund and Trust Company will be held at the office of the company, 527 Federal street, on Tuesday, January 16, 1906, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock a. m., for the election of trustees to serve during the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

E. R. BALDINGER,
Secretary and Treasurer.

The National Bank of Western Pennsylvania,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at the banking house, corner Penn ave. and Ninth st., Tuesday, January 16, 1906, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m., for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year, and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEORGE S. MACRUM, Cashier.

Cosmopolitan National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year.

D. J. RICHARDSON, Cashier.

Second National Bank of Pittsburgh,
United States Depositary.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 11 and 11:30 a. m., for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year.

JAMES M. YOUNG, Cashier.

Commercial National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, 231 Fourth ave., Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.

H. W. BICKEL, Cashier.

The Union National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Fourth ave. and Wood st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock p. m.

C. F. DEAN, Cashier.

Monongahela National Bank,
Sixth Avenue and Wood Street,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, Sixth avenue and Wood street, on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 1 p. m.

JOHN D. FRASER, Cashier.

Provident Trust Company,
Ohio and Chestnut sts.,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 19, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company, for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, Ohio and Chestnut streets, Allegheny, Pa., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.

H. C. ALBRECHT, Jr., Sec'y and Treas.

The First National Bank of Allegheny,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 424 Federal st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m.

J. D. KRAMER, Cashier.

The Lincoln National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, No. 533 Smithfield st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m.

W. R. CHRISTIAN, Cashier.

Farmers Deposit National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 6, 1905.

MEETING—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street, on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 noon and 12:30 p. m.

J. W. FLEMING, Cashier.

Second National Bank of Pittsburgh,
United States Depositary.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 10, 1906, between the hours of 11 and 11:30 a. m., for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year.

JAMES M. YOUNG, Cashier.

The Federal National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Fifth ave. and Smithfield st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m.

H. M. LANDIS, Cashier.

United States National Bank,
503 Market st.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 503 Market st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.

C. F. SCHAEFER, Cashier.

Metropolitan National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Dec. 7, 1905.

THE annual meeting of stockholders of this bank for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Forty-first and Butler streets, on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.

GEORGE SEEBICK, Cashier.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM, Pittsburgh, Pa., December 6, 1905.

The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Carson and Twelfth streets, on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p. m.

C. F. REECH, Cashier.

The Industrial National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, 333 Fourth ave., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.

C. M. GERWIG, Cashier.

Allegheny National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 228 Fifth ave., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock a. m.

W. MONTGOMERY, Cashier.

Columbia National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock p. m.

WM. LOWRIE, Cashier.

Bank of Pittsburgh, N. A.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 226 Fourth ave., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m.

W. F. BICKEL, Cashier.

Mellon National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 514 Smithfield st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m.

M. T. MITCHELL, Cashier.

FORT PITT NATIONAL BANK,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 6, 1905.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 223 Fourth avenue, Tuesday, January 9th, 1906, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 m.

CHAS. S. LINDSAY, Cashier.

The German National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the German National Bank, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, Wood st. and Sixth ave., Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.

W. W. RAMSEY, Cashier.

Pennsylvania Savings Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Penn ave. and Butler st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 noon.

GEO. N. MORGAN, Cashier.

Third National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for nine directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, No. 324 Wood street, on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock p. m.

OGDEN RUSSELL, Cashier.

Duquesne National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Duquesne National bank will be held at the banking house, No. 408 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 o'clock p. m., to elect ten (10) directors to serve for the ensuing year.

A. H. FATTERSON, Cashier.

First National Bank, Sewickley, Pa.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election of directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, Sewickley, Pa., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 7 p. m. and 8 p. m.

E. P. COFFIN, Cashier.

ELECTIONS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company will be held at the general office of the company, Frick building, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Tuesday, the 13th day of February, 1906, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., and that at this meeting, inter alia, a vote will be taken for or against an increase in the capital stock of the company from $12,500,000.00 to $17,500,000.00—the increase of $5,000,000.00 to be in the common stock of the company.

By order of the board of directors.

C. R. MONTGOMERY, Secretary.

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Life Protective Savings and Loan Association, of Pittsburgh, Pa., will be held at the office of the company, rooms 34 and 35, First National Bank building, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street, on Monday, January 29, 1906, between the hours of 1 and 3 p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, changing the by-laws and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

W. A. ROBERTS, Secretary.

Western Savings & Deposit Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 351 Smithfield st., Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m.

CHARLES E. SCHUETZ, Cashier.

EAST END SAVINGS & TRUST COMPANY,
Penn and Sheridan aves.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 15, 1905.

The annual election for directors of this institution to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m.

JAMES B. LAWLER, Secretary.

The Peoples National Bank of Pittsburgh.
United States Depositary.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of directors will be held at the bank, 409 Wood st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 12:30 p. m.

W. DWIGHT BELL,
Assistant Cashier and Secretary.

DIAMOND NATIONAL BANK,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 6, 1905.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, Fifth and Liberty aves., Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.

D. C. WILLS, Cashier.

The Washington National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house at 927 Fifth ave., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m.

S. C. ARMSTRONG, Cashier.

Pennsylvania National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Penn ave. and Butler st., on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 noon.

R. M. DAVIS, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, Pa., December 29, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of Devonian Oil Company will be held at the company's office, 1004 Columbia Bank building, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Tuesday, January 16, 1906, for the election of directors and other business that may come before the meeting.

J. H. EVANS, Secretary.

United States National Bank,
503 Market street,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 9, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 503 Market street, on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.

C. F. SCHAEFER, Cashier.

ELECTION—The annual election for officers of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of McCandless township will be held at election house of First precinct in said township, on Monday, January 1, 1906, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock p. m. By order of board.

R. GUYTON, Secretary.

German Savings and Deposit Bank,
Carson and South Fourteenth sts.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 8, 1905.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, between the hours of 1 and 3 p. m.

J. F. ERNY, Cashier.

LEGAL NOTICES.

JAMES FITZSIMMONS, Attorney-at-Law, Court of common pleas No. 2, Allegheny county, sa., state of Pennsylvania. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to said court at No. 749 January term, 1906, on Saturday, December 30, 1905, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., by Fortuanto Chiatto, Andrea Ajello, Francesco Colangela and others, under the act of assembly entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "McKinley Italian Republican club," the character and object of which is the maintenance of a club for social enjoyment, acquisition of literary attainment and culture, the study of political economy, the discussion of public questions, the improvement of any knowledge of the principles of a republican government, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and supplements thereto. The above application is now on file in the prothonotary's office. James Fitzsimmons, solicitor.

J. D. BUCKLEY, Attorney-at-Law, 426 Diamond st., Pittsburgh, Pa. In the court of common pleas No. 1, Allegheny county, sa., state of Pennsylvania. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to said court at No. 138, March term, 1906, on Saturday, January 13, 1906, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., by Simeon Mamula, Milc Devic, Mile Mamula and others, under the act of assembly entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "St. George Servian Orthodox Church of Pittsburgh, South Side, Pa." The character and object of which is the support of the public worship of Almighty God, according to the forms, principles, doctrines and usages of that body of Christian worshipers known as the "Servian Orthodox Church," and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the benefits and privileges of said act of assembly, and supplements thereto. The above application is now on file in the prothonotary's office. J. D. Buckley, Solicitor.

S. HARVEY THOMPSON, Attorney-at-Law, No. 401 Gazette building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of John McNamara, deceased, late of Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. L. Z. Birmingham, Administrator, Second avenue, Trenton avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

ROBERT T. M'ELROY, Attorney-at-Law, No. 224 Bakewell building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of William Prinds, deceased, late of Allegheny City, Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Agnes Ferrar, Mary E. Hick, Sarah A. Somers, Executrixes. Address care of their attorney.

LAWRY & GRIERSON, Attorneys-at-Law, 510 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Hamblet Jackson, deceased, late of East Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Thomas Lawry, administrator, 510 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

H. M. SCOTT, Attorney-at-Law, 510 Fourth ave., Pittsburgh. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Frederick Buhner, deceased, late of the city of Allegheny, Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Wm. F. Buhner, executor, 164 Park way West, Allegheny City, Pa.

HERMANN L. GROTE, Attorney-at-Law, 902 Frick building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Maragretta E. Krueger, deceased, late of Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Emma V. Hamel, administratrix, 2323 Jane street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

O'BRIEN & ASHLEY, Attorneys-at-Law, 402 Grant street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration, C. T. A., on the estate of Susan A. Shugart, deceased, late of Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Roy L. Shugart, administrator, 402 Grant street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

HOWARD NEELY and DIAMOND & ZACHARIAS, Attorneys-at-Law, No. 319 Frick building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Mrs. Stella K. Agnew, deceased, late of Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Robert Agnew, administrator, Cleveland, Ohio, care of his attorneys.

W. S. THOMAS, Attorney-at-Law, No. 314 Frick building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Elizabeth McCombs, deceased, late of the city of Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. W. S. Thomas, executor, 314 Frick building.

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Will be sold at auction, for account of whom it may concern, at No. 239 Fourth ave. (Hostetter building),

Thursday, December 21st, at 3:30 P. M.

150 $1,000 second mortgage bonds of the Ford China Company of Ford City, Pa.

JOHN D. BAILEY, Auctioneer.

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Will be sold at Auction, for account of whom it may concern, at No. 229 Fourth avenue (Hostetter Building),

THURSDAY, DEC. 21st, AT 3:30 P. M.

19,949 SHARES UNITED LAST CO., COMMON STOCK.
600 SHARES UNITED LAST CO., PREFERRED STOCK.

John D. Bailey, Auctioneer.

PROPOSALS.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS—Sealed proposals will be received at the office of William Edward Snaman, architect, 918 Empire bldg., until Friday, December 22, at 2 p. m., for the erection of a brick school building (addition) on East street, and a brick school building on Fineview ave., Allegheny, Pa., for the Twelfth ward public school district. Plans and specifications can be seen at the Architect's office, 918 Empire bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa., daily, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Each proposal or bid must be accompanied by a bond for the full amount of the proposal or bid, bond to be a trust company bond or a certified check for $200.00 to guarantee that contractor will furnish bond if awarded the contract. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals or bids.

W. S. KOERNER, Sec'y.

SEALED PROPOSALS for the grading, curbing and paving of Prospect avenue, Ingram borough, Pa., will be received up until 5 p. m., January 1, 1906, at the office of the borough engineer, No. 8 Ingram avenue. The bids to be opened at the first regular meeting of the borough council in January, 1906. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for $100, payable to the borough treasurer. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the engineer. Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Approximate quantities: Grading, 2,500 cubic yards; paving, 4,100 square yards; curbing, dressed, 2,480 feet; curbing, rough, 120 feet. L. H. Dougherty, borough engineer.

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BOOM IN UNION PACIFIC STOCK MARKET FEATURE

The Stock Makes a New High Record on Rumors of Purchase for Control—Call Loans Higher. Local Market Irregular.

By JOHN O. BAGLIN, Financial Editor.

The boom in Union Pacific was the most prominent feature of the New York stock market yesterday. The sales were on an enormous scale, exceeding in magnitude the transactions which occurred earlier in the year when the Northern Securities litigation was the pivot on which speculation turned. The stock reached 149½, the highest ever quoted, and within a small fraction of the price which has been "tipped" for some days past. There were rumors that Hill-Morgan interests were buying for control, and that possibly Harriman was now in the minority. The present management of Union Pacific, however, has another card to play in the shape of an immense amount of preferred stock authorized but not yet issued, the position of which is not certain. It was a rather interesting circumstance that while Union Pacific was making its new high record, Southern Pacific was heavy, and declined sharply on liquidation, which was construed as a shifting of speculative interest from Southern Pacific to Union Pacific. The latter closed at a gain for the day of 1⅞ per cent, while Southern Pacific closed ½ per cent lower.

The Hill stocks and the Vanderbilts were also strong during the early trading, and together with St. Paul advanced sharply. This movement was responsible for the revival of the old story of a new combination which would include New York Central in the east and Chicago-Northwestern in the west, with a close affiliation with St. Paul. There was also a rumor that some agreement had been reached whereunder the competitive railroad construction to the Pacific coast, to which Mr. Harriman referred on his return from Japan, would not become too competitive. This group of stocks was the strongest in the list, and with few exceptions all others closed at losses for the day. Pennsylvania closed slightly higher, and Reading at one time showed a large advance, but lost most of it before the close, and Baltimore & Ohio was off ½ per cent.

While the upward movement was in progress in the high-class railroad stocks, Peoples Gas displayed great weakness and declined to 99, the final sale being at 99¾, a loss for the day of 4⅞ per cent. Much warm feeling was expressed over the action of the directors in announcing a reduction of the dividend so far in advance of the regular period for declaring dividends, and Wall street hinted that the action of Tuesday afternoon might be reconsidered and the regular dividend be paid. Consolidated Gas weakened in sympathy with the decline in Peoples Gas, the argument being that if Chicago was successful in its campaign for cheaper gas, the movement was likely to extend to New York.

Anaconda was the strongest of the coppers, advancing from 183½ to 188, and closing at 191, a net gain for the day of 8 per cent. Amalgamated Copper rallied from 99¼ to 100¾, but subsequently broke to 98½. Tennessee Coal and Iron was decidedly weak and closed at a loss of 4 per cent, the argument being that all the good news was out, and no further buying for the purpose of strengthening control of the new management was likely. United States Steel common closed ½ lower, while the preferred closed unchanged.

The sharp reaction which occurred late in the session was based upon an unconfirmed rumor of banking trouble in Boston, but more particularly upon the stiff advance in call loan rates, which at one time reached 16 per cent bid, closing with the final loan at 8 per cent.

The local stock market relapsed into dullness, and at times the tone was heavy. Final prices showed great irregularity, there being as many losses as gains. Less than a thousand shares United Copper changed hands at prices ranging from 61¼ to 60, the final bid being 59¾. Tonopah Extension and Lustre Mining each closed fractionally lower. Crucible Steel common and preferred each closed ¼ lower, and less stock changed hands than on any day for weeks. American Sewer Pipe sold off to 24, possibly on disappointment that the dividend was not increased. The natural gas stocks were moderately active and irregular, Manufacturers Light and Heat declining a fraction to 53½, while Pittsburgh Oil and Gas recovered ½ per cent on a small transaction. Philadelphia Company sold to the extent of 500 shares at 51¾, a gain of ½ point. Pittsburgh Coal common rallied to 15, and the preferred to 62, while River Coal preferred declined a fraction to 28. The Westinghouse stocks were dull but steady. Electric advancing to 87 on the declaration of the usual quarterly dividends. Fifty shares Allemannia Insurance sold at 67, a new high record, and an advance of 15 points over the last previous sale.

PITTSBURGH STOCKS.

Sales on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday were as follows:

10:00 A. M. to 10:30 A. M.

40 Mfrs. L. & H.. 35½
10 do.. 35⅝
100 do.. 35½
15 do.. 35⅝
20 do.. 35¼
5 P. Brew. com.. 26⅜
50 Luster.. 37¼
50 do.. 37⅛

10:30 A. M. to 11:00 A. M.

50 Sewer Pipe.. 24½
25 do.. 24½
75 do.. 24⅓
20 do.. 24½
100 Tonopah Ext.. 5.50
100 United Copper.. 60½
50 Crucible pfd.. 69½
10 Luster.. 37

11:00 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

100 P. Coal pfd.. 62
25 do.. 62
7 do.. 62
5 do.. 62
5 do.. 62
20 do.. 62
50 Marsden.. 3
50 do.. 3
50 Rlr. Coal pfd.. 28
20 do.. 28
20 Mfrs. L. & H.. 35½
25 Mfrs. L. & H.. 35½
40 Sewer Pipe.. 24
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IRON AND STEEL MARKET IS FIRM

Buying Activity Ceases, but the Prices Remain Unchanged and Products Scarce.

COKE AND PIG IRON QUIET

Conditions in the iron and steel market during the past week have been tranquil. Producers and consumers are taking a breathing spell between a most active year and one that promises still further activity and greater prosperity. Prices stand firm with last week's quotations, but with little buying other than for very urgent need, buyers devoting their attention to annual stock taking and closing up their business affairs for the year. A scarcity of sheets and open-hearth steel is being felt in many quarters. The coke and pig iron markets have been comparatively quiet, though both trades are still well filled ahead on orders, and little or no first-quarter iron is to be had.

Current Quotations.

Below are given current quotations on various lines of iron, steel, etc.:

Pig Iron—Northern Bessemer and basic, $17 50@18 00; furnace, grey forge, $15 75@16 00; No. 2 foundry, $17 50@18 50; southern No. 2 foundry, $14 60, Birmingham.

Billets—Bessemer, $30 50, Pittsburgh; small billets, sheets and tin bars, $27 00.

Muck bar—$28 00 to $28 50, Pittsburgh.

Steel rails—Standard sections, not under 50 pounds, in lots of 500 tons or more, $28 00; carlots, $32 00; light rails, 16 to 25 pounds, $27 00; 25 to 40 pounds, $26 00.

Structural steel—Beams and channels, 2 to 15 inches, $1 70 the 100 pounds; over 15 inches, $1 80; angles, 3x2 up to 6x6, $1 70; tees, $2 75; zees, $1 70; universal and sheared plates, 6¼ and under, $1 90 base.

Plates—Tank plates, ¼-inch thick, 6½-inch to 14 inches, inclusive, $1 60 f. o. b. mill, Pittsburgh; over 14-inch up to 100 inches, $1 80; extras are as follows to the 100 pounds: Flange and boiler steel, 10c; marine, A. B. M. A., and ordinary firebox, 50c; plates over 100-inch up to 110 inches in width, not less than 50c extra; plates 110 inches to 115 inches wide, not less than 25c extra; 115 inches to 130 inches, 15c extra; plates 120 inches to 125 inches, not less than 25c extra; 125 inches to 130 inches wide, not less than 50c extra; plates 130 inches wide, not less than $1 00 extra; plates 3-16-inch thick, 10c extra; gauge, 7 to 8, 15c extra; No. 9, 25c extra. Five cents extra for less than carloads.

Bars—Iron, $2 05; Pittsburgh steel, $1 50 carlots; hoops, $1 8.; bands, $1 50; plow and cultivator beams, $1 50 net; channels, angles and zees and tees, under 3 inches, $1 60.

Wire—Uniform quotations f. o. b. Pittsburgh, 30 days, with 2 per cent discount for cash in 10 days, as follows: Wire nails, jobbers' carlots, $1 80; retailers' carlots, $1 85; less than carlots, $1 95; painted barbed wire, $1 95 to jobbers in carlots, $2 00 to retailers in carlots; less than carlots, $2 10, with 30c for galvanized; annealed, smooth wire fencing, $1 70; iron and cut nails are held at $1 85; steel at $1 75.

Merchant steel—Cold rolled and ground shafting, 50 per cent off in carload lots and 45 off in less than carloads, delivered in base territory; tire steel, 1.60c; open-hearth spring steel, 2.25c to 2.50c; sleigh shoe flat, 1.50c to 1.75c; smooth finished machinery steel, 1.70c to 1.75c; toe calk, 2c to 2.05c.

Sheets—The following prices are for 500-bundle lots and over f. o. b. mill:

Gauge—	Black. Net.	Galvanized. List.
10	$2 65	$4 10 21
20	2 65	3 70 19
24	2 85	3 85 17
27	2 90	3 95 16
25-26	2 95	3 95 15
23-24	2 90	3 85 14
18-20	2 85	3 70 13
16	2 80	3 65 12

Ferro-manganese—Foreign, 50 per cent, $60 00; Pittsburgh in carload lots, $55 00.

Skelp—Grooved steel skelp, $1 55, and sheared, $1 65.

Merchant pipe—The Pittsburgh basing discounts to jobbers on merchant pipe follow:

Wrought pipe, jobbers' carloads, merchant weight.

	Steel. Blk.	Galv.	Iron. Blk.	Galv.
⅛ to ¼-inch	57	46	48½	33½
⅜ to ½-inch	70	64	73½	57½
¾ to 6-inch	80	70	78	68
7 to 12-inch	75	60	72	57½
EXTRA STRONG PLAIN ENDS.				
⅛ to ⅜-inch	65	53	62½	50½
½ to 4-inch	72	60	69½	57½
4½ to 8-inch	68	56	65½	53½

Merchant boiler tubes, carlots:

	Steel.	Iron.
1 to 1½-inch	44	41
1¾ to 2½-inch	56	41
2½-inch	58	46
2¾ to 3-inch	44	33
3½ to 12-inch	56	41

2½-inch and larger, over 18 feet long, 10 per cent net extra.

2¾-inch and larger, over 22 feet long, 10 per cent per extra.

Scrap—Gross tons, Pittsburgh market: No. 1 heavy steel, $18 00; No. 1 wrought scrap, $22 00; No. 1 cast scrap, $15 50@16 00; old car wheels, $17 50@18 00; rerolling rails, $18 25; wrought iron piling scrap, $20 50; standard iron car axles, $28 50; standard railroad steel car axles, $27 50; steel axle turnings, $15 50; machine shop turnings, $14 75; old standard section iron rails, $23 50; new bundled sheets, $16 50; clean cast iron borings, $17 25; railroad leaf spring steel scrap, $18 00; burnt cast scrap, $13 00; low phosphorus and sulphur melting steel scrap, $20 50; low phosphorus steel punchings, $19 00.

The Hardware Market.

The demand for hardware seems to show no sign of a let-up, orders being evidently as heavy and for as wide lines of goods as at any time during the fall, and in addition to regular lines there is quite a demand for holiday goods in cutlery, silverware and in sporting goods generally, including shotguns, rifles and goods of like kind. The demand for nails and wire continues very heavy, the mills finding difficulty in supplying the wants of the trade. Window glass also is showing considerable activity, due doubtless to the continued low prices. Prices in general lines of hardware are very firm, with the evident intention on the part of manufacturers of higher prices after the first of January, the copper market having quite an influence on a great many lines.

The Bindley Hardware Company furnishes the following quotations: Columbia pocket knives, discount, 35 per cent; Albion hatchets, discount, 40 and 10 per cent; Bindley canal shovels, $6 50 a dozen; Great Western files, discount, 70, 10 and 10 per cent; sheet iron, base No. 28, $2 25 the 100 pounds; galvanized sheet iron, discount, 70 and 10 per cent; sash weights, the ton, $27 00; window glass, first three brackets, 90 and 20 per cent; above, 90 and 20 per cent; Albion sewing machines, discount, 25 per cent; blue and white enameled ware, 60 and 10 per cent; Albion hot plates, 40 per cent; Albion lanterns, 40 per cent; hay forks, 60 per cent.

STEEL MILLS BOOKED AHEAD OF CAPACITIES

Corporation's Enormous Advance Orders an Indication of General Condition of the Business.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The Iron Age will say tomorrow:

The report that the United States Steel Corporation has on its books orders aggregating over 7,000,000 tons is true. No one fact could better serve to show the condition of the steel works and rolling mills of the country, since it is well known that the other large companies are similarly committed for their full capacity for a long period to come.

The policy of the United States Steel Corporation in handling its pig iron purchases will be guided by a determination to prevent any undue rise in prices. Whatever metal is available will be taken but if there is a shortage to cover requirements, the latter will be scaled down. The steel corporation is making about 900,000 tons per month and needs from 30,000 tons to 40,000 tons of outside iron per month, running at the present rate.

A shortage of basic pig has again developed in the eastern markets. Only about 75 per cent of the sheet mill capacity of the corporation can now be operated on account of the scarcity of steel.

The structural trade is working under tremendous pressure, very heavy tonnage is coming up for bridges for the railroads. There are now in the market inquiries from three systems alone which need 72,000 tons among them. At Chicago 11,000 tons will be wanted for a county building. In Pittsburgh bids are going in for two structures requiring 12,000 tons and New York has a number of large structures which may soon be ready for contracting.

CHARTERING VESSELS FOR MILLIONS OF TONS

Steel Companies Already Preparing for Another Record-Breaking Ore Carrying Season.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CLEVELAND, Dec. 20.—The Iron Trade Review tomorrow will say:

Record breaking in the ore business continues. Not only have the production and shipments for 1905, and the sales for 1906 been far in excess of those of any other years, but within a few days, chartering of vessels has been done at an unprecedented rate for this time of the year. Contracts have already been made for the carrying of nearly ten millions tons of iron ore, and the Steel Corporation will soon contract for 8,000,000 tons, while in its own vessels it will carry about 12,000,000 tons, so that, within a few days, ore to the amount of 20,000,000 tons will be provided for.

The total ore movement by lake from the Lake Superior mines for the season just closed was 35,475,788 tons, of which the Steel Corporation shipped 18,779,373 tons. The all-rail shipments will make the grand total for the season about 34,000,000 tons.

The announcement that the interests which now control the Republic Iron and Steel Company have elected a majority of the board of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company comes as an important development in the southern situation; following, as it does, numerous futile efforts of recent years to consolidate the principal iron and steel interests of the south.

The attempt made about a year ago to form a consolidation of these concerns had one important result, because the inventory of the properties then taken, disclosed to a greater extent than had been formerly appreciated, the great value of the southern ore deposits. The close affiliation and the probable consolidation of the Republic and Tennessee interests will doubtless result in making them an increasingly important factor in the manufacturing world.

The report that a deed covering the iron ore interests of James J. Hill and associates had been placed on file, conveying to the United States Steel Corporation all the Hill properties on the Mesaba range, is denied. The Hill interests have been estimated as having deposits of from 400,000,000 to 500,000,000 tons.

Years Crop Result.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Final returns to the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture, according to a bulletin issued today, show the acreage and production of the principal farm crops in 1905 to have been as follows:

	Acreage.	Production Bushels.
Corn	94,011,369	2,707,995,340
Winter wheat	29,864,018	478,402,534
Spring wheat	17,999,061	264,616,655
Oats	28,045,746	953,216,177
Barley	5,095,528	136,851,029
Rye	1,662,508	27,616,045
Buckwheat	769,118	14,585,082
Flaxseed	*2,854,836	28,477,752
Rice	460,198	12,933,436
Potatoes	2,896,707	260,741,294
Hay	59,261,269	†90,521,611
Tobacco	776,172	†633,032,719

*Tons. †Pounds.

The average weight per bushel is shown by reports received by the bureau to be 56.3 pounds for spring wheat, 32.7 pounds for winter wheat and 88.6 pounds for oats.

The Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Cotton, spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 12.30c; middling gulf, 12.55c; sales, 200 bales. Range of prices:

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	*11.75	11.77	11.42	11.68
February	*11.88	12.08	11.73	11.91
March	12.06	12.05	12.05	11.99
April	*12.10	12.22	11.80	12.16
May	12.22	12.22	11.89	12.15
June				12.18
July	12.26	12.28	11.95	12.22
August	*12.07			12.03
December		11.45	11.45	11.61

*Bid.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Money on call firm at 6½@18 per cent; ruling rate, 7½ per cent; closing bid, 9 per cent; offered, 10 per cent. Time money firm; 60 and 90 days and six months, 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6@6 per cent. Sterling exchange easy, with actual business in bankers' bills, at $4 85.35@4 85.40 for demand and at $4 82.80@4 82.85 for 60 days' bills. Posted rates, $4 83½ and $4 86½@4 87. Commercial bills, $4 82½. Bar silver, 65¾c; Mexican dollars, 50¾c. Government bonds easy; railroad bonds firm.

Japan Ready to Pay Up.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—S. Uchida, consul general of Japan in New York, received today a cablegram from the department of finance, Tokyo, to the effect that $50,000,000 of the fourth exchequer bonds, bearing 6 per cent interest, will be paid off as follows: Twenty million dollars in March; $20,000,000 in April and $10,000,000 in May, 1906. These bonds were issued in Japan in March, 1905.

The Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The movement of pieces of goods in the drygoods market seems likely to continue limited until after the first of the year. Jobbers are still busy on holiday trade, but anticipated an improvement on general lines after the opening of the year.

MARKETS ARE STEADY AND CHANGES ARE FEW

Trade During the Day Was Only Fair—Reduction in the Price of Patent Flours.

All produce markets were steady yesterday with little, if any, change. Trade was only fair during the day, but a large increase is expected from now until the last of the week. Christmas greens are still in good demand but there are also a large number of calls for fancy and out of season fruits for use on the Christmas table. The stocks carried by the merchants to this fancy stuff are not large and those on hand always bring good prices.

There was a reduction reported yesterday in both Minnesota and Kansas patent flours. This is the only change that has occurred in the grocery line for some time. All wholesale dealers of groceries are busy just now, as this is one of the largest weeks in the year in that trade. All kinds of goods are being disposed of for the trade, and the market is strong.

The egg market was a little weaker yesterday and a reduction was reported in the price of strictly fresh stock. The receipts of this class of goods are heavier than they have been for some time as the farmers are having an opportunity to turn their attention to the gathering of eggs instead of raising turkeys and chickens.

Several slight changes in the quotations on cheese were also reported during the day.

HAY AND GRAIN.

Receipts.

Receipts yesterday were: Pennsylvania 5 oats, 2 corn, 21 hay, 2 rye, 2 straw. Baltimore & Ohio, 4 oats, 4 corn, 12 hay, 1 straw. Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, 6 hay, 2 corn, 3 oats, 1 rye, 2 feed.

There was little change in the market yesterday. All prices remained about steady and better grades in all lines were picked up. All off grades are dull sale.

No. 1 timothy	$15.00@$15.50
No. 2	$11.75@12.25
No. 1 clover	$10.50@11.00
No. 2 clover	$8.50@10.00
No. 1 mixed	$10.50@11.00
No. 2 mixed	$9.75@10.25
Straw, oat	$8.00@8.50
do wheat	$8.00@8.50
do rye	$9.00@9.25
No. 1 white oats	35½@35¾c
No. 2 white oats	35¾@35¾c
No. 4 oats	35@35½c
No. 1 white middlings	$20.50@21.00
No. 2 middlings	$19.75@20.25
do brown	$19.25@19.75
Bran, ton	$17.00@17.50
Wheat, No. 2 red, new, at mill	75@80c
Corn—New yellow shelled	46@50c
New high mixed	47@48c
New yellow car	49@50c
No. 2 Michigan rye	74@75c

FRUITS.

Apples, bbls. Kings, fancy	$5.00@6.50
Other fancy varieties	$4.00@4.50
do choice	$3.00@3.50
do California, box	$3.00@3.25
Lemons, Messinas, fancy	$4.00@4.50
do choice	$4.00@4.50
Oranges, Florida	$3.25@3.50
Navel	$3.50@4.00
California	$3.50@3.75
Cocoanuts, bags	$3.25@3.50
do doz	45@50c
Bananas, 1sts	$1.50@2.00
do 2nds	$1.00@1.50
Pineapples, smooth Cayenes	$4.00@4.50
do Kiefers, hamper	75@90c
Pears, bbls	$3.00@3.50
Limes, per 100	$2.00@2.50
Dates, stuffed	18c
Figs, California, box	$1.00
Layer, lb	10@12c
Grapes, Malaga, bbl	$5.00@5.50
do fancy	$5.00@7.00
Grape fruit, Florida	$4.50@5.00

POULTRY AND GAME.

Chickens	11@12c
do roosters	7@8c
do turkeys	16@17c
do geese	10@11c
do ducks	14@15c
do pigeons, doz	90c@$1.00
Dressed hens	15@15c
do springers	16@17c
do roosters	11@12c
do turkeys	20@22c
do Long Island ducklings	20c
do ducks	17@18c
do capon	26@27c
Squab, doz	$3.75@4.00
do No. 2	$2.00@2.25
Ducks, ruddy	$1.25
do red head	$1.70@3.00
do canvas-back	$2.75@3.00
Impt. golden plover, doz	$5.50
do black plover	$4.50
English pheasants, per pair	$3.25
Reed birds, doz	$1.25
Snappers, per lb	8@9c
Pigeons, pair	30@35c
Frogs, doz	$2.25@2.50
Rabbits, pair	40@50c
Squirrel, doz	$1.00@1.50

NUTS.

New California walnuts	17c
Chestnuts, Italian	7@8c
Hickory nuts, bu	$1.75@2.00
Walnuts, bu	50@75c
English walnuts, lb	12@13c
Butternuts	$1.25@1.50
Hazel nuts, lb	11@12c
Almonds, lb	14@15c
Pecans, lb	10@11c
Shellbarks	$2.00@2.25

HIDES.

Heavy green salt steers, over 60 lbs	13c
Light steers No. 1	12½c
Cows, all weights	12½c
Bulls, No. 1, over 60 lbs	10c
Calf, green salt, No. 1	15c
do No. 2	11c

GROCERIES.

Flour.

Fancy spec. pat. in paper	$5.00@5.05
Kansas pat	$4.95@4.70
Minn pat	$4.90@4.95
Fancy winter patent	$4.25@4.50
Rye	$3.00@3.05
Buckwheat	$2.50@3.00
Graham, 10-lb bags	$2.30@2.50
Cornmeal, bbls	$2.15@2.25
Rolled oats, bbl	$5.20
do bags	$2.75

Roasted Coffee.

Rio	12½@15c
Santos	25@24c
Maracaibo	15¾@16c
Peaberry	15@15½c
Golden Rio	14½@17c
Caracas	20@20½c
Standard, pkgs	14.65c
High grade	15@19c

Molasses, fancy.

refined	25@30c
do choice	31@34c
do open ket	37@39c
do 2-lb	35c
do 5-lb	$1.35@1.65
Fancy syrup	28@30c
Maple sugar, gal	$1.50
Sugar cane	21@25c
2-lb cans, doz	80c
2½-lb cans, doz	85c
5-lb cans, doz	$1.70
10-lb cans, doz	$3.40
Maple, gal	75@$2.00
Sugar, sta. gran	4.50c
do boxs	4.75c
do 2-lb cartons	4.85c
do 5-lb bags	4.90c
do pow'd xxxx	4.85c
do cut loaf	5.05c
do cubes	5.90c
do coffee A	4.65c
do No. 1 yellow	4.40c
do No. 2 yellow	4.30c

Beans.

Navy, choice, H. P	$1.80@1.90
Red kidney	$3.25@3.30
Cal. lima, lb	5@5½c
Peas, dried, bu	$1.50@1.55
do split, lb	3½c
do marrowfat, bu	$1.75@1.85
Oil, carbon, 110 deg	12c
do water white	13c
do Ohio W. W. 150 deg	12½c
do Elaine	15c
Miners' oil, special brands	26@42c
Rice, ex-fancy head, lb	6½@7c
do fancy Japan	4¾@5c
do choice, Carolina	5½@6c
Salt, No. 1, bbl	$1.10
do No. 1 extra	$1.20
do grnl. rock	85c
do pocket	$1.60@2.10
do dairy	$1.40
Lentils, fancy	6c
"6-O," lb	4½@5½c
Sauerkraut, 40-gal cask	$7.50@8.00
do 15-gal keg	$3.50@3.75
do bbls	$8.50@9.00
Honey, combed, w. c. fancy, lb	17@18c
do choice	15@16c
do buckwheat	13@16c

PRODUCE.

Potatoes	75@80c
Sweet potatoes, Va., bbls	$1.75@2.00
do Jersey fancy, bbl	$3.00@3.50
Jersey sweets, crates	$1.15@1.25
do med., bbl	$1.75@2.00
do fancy, hamper	$1.00@1.25
Onions, yellow Danvers, bu	70@80c
do Spanish, crates	$1.40@1.50
do yellow Danvers, bbls	$2.00@2.25
Silver skins, bbls	$5.00@6.00
do bushel	$1.75@2.00
Cabbage, domestic, bbl	$1.00@1.25
do C. S	$1.50@1.75
do red	$1.75@2.00
do Savoy, bbls	$1.00@1.25
Green peppers, crate	$2.00@2.50
Green onions, bu	$2.00@2.50
Wax beans, bu	$2.50@3.00
Celery, Ohio, large bunches	40@50c
do small bunches	20@25c
California celery, crates	$4.95@5.00
do doz	75@85c
Suckling pigs	12½@15c
Lettuce, bskt	40@50c
do hampers	$2.00@3.00
Head lettuce, bbls	$3.50@3.75
Spinach, bskt	60@80c
Rutabagas, bbl	$1.15@1.25
Cranberries, box	$3.00@2.50
do bbls	$12.00@15.00
Eggplant, crt	$3.00@2.50
Watercress, doz	25@35c
Cauliflower, bbls	$4.50@5.00
Carrots, bbls	$1.75@2.00
Cucumbers, Boston, doz	$1.50@1.75
Turnips, bbl	$1.50@1.75
do bu	50@60c
Beets, bbls	$1.50@1.75
Squashes, bbls, fair	$1.75@2.00
Hubbard, bbl	$1.50@1.75
Popcorn, lb	4@5c
Mint, doz	50@55c
Parsley, doz	40@50c
Parsnips, bbls	$2.00@2.25
Horseradish	$5.00@6.00
Sage, doz	20@25c
Summer savory, doz	20@25c
Thyme, doz	20@25c
Sweet marjoram, doz	20@25c
Brussels sprouts, bu	14@15c
Radishes, doz	50@65c
Shallots	50@60c

CANNED GOODS.

Peaches, sta. pie	$1.05
do pie, gal	$2.50@3.00
do California	
L. C	$1.90@2.05
do California Y. F	$1.80@2.25
Corn, fancy	$1.10@1.20
do stand	85@90c
Cherries, California, white	$2.50@2.75
Lima beans	$1.25@1.45
do soaked	75@80c
String beans	$1.10@1.60
Peas, marrowfat	80@90c
do early June	75@90c
do soaked	55@65c
Plums, California	$1.40@1.65
Apples, N. Y., gal. cans	$2.50@2.75
Pineapples	$1.25@2.60
Raspberries	85@95c
Gooseberries	85@90c
Tomatoes, fancy	$1.10@1.20
do standard	$1.05@1.10
do gal	$2.50
Succotash, 1-lb cans	$1.10@1.25
Baked beans, cans, tomato sauce	75@95c
Salmon, red	95c@$2.00
do pink, 1-lb flats	95c@$1.00
do pink, 1-lb talls	$1.30@2.10
Chipped beef	$2.25@2.75
Corn and roast beef, 2-lb cans	$2.30@2.40
do 1-lb cans	$1.20@1.30
Mackerel, broiled	$1.90@2.50
Sardines, domestic, ¼s	$2.80@3.00
do mustards, ¼s	$2.50
do French	$6.50@18.50

CHRISTMAS GREENS.

Holly, crate	$3.00@3.25
do wreaths, doz	$1.00@1.50
Ground pine wreaths	$1.00@1.50
do yard	4@4½c
Needle pines	$1.50@2.00
Laurel, yd	2½@3½c

DRIED FRUITS.

Raisins, 1-lb pkgs	8@8½c
Evap. peaches, 27-lb box, lb	10@12½c
Evap. apples, 1-lb pkgs	8½@9c
Evap. apricots, 25-lb box, choice	10@11½c
do fancy	11@12c
Cleaned currants, 1-lb pkgs	7½@7¾c
Prunes, Cal., lb	@10c

PROVISIONS.

Hams, 18 lbs. and up	10½c
Over 14 to 18 lbs	10¾c
Over 10 to 14 lbs	11c
10 lbs and under	11¼c
Skinned	10¾c
Boneless boiled	17c
California	7¾c
Shoulders, N. Y., cut	8½c
do skinned	8¾c
Ribs, 8 to 10 lbs	12c
do 10 to 12 lbs	11¼c
do back strips	10¾c
do clears, 8 to 10 lbs	12½c
do 10 to 12 lbs	11¾c
Breakfast bacon, back strips	11¼c
Dry salt sides, extra short clears	8¾c
Bellies, 20 to 25 lbs	9c
do 16 to 20 lbs	9¼c
do under 16 lbs	9¾c
Dry salt smoked cut	8¼c
do short clears	9¾c
Bellies, 20 to 25 lbs	10c
do 16 to 20 lbs	10¼c
do under 16 lbs	10¾c
Lard, pure, tierces	8c

BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE.

Butter. Prints	27½@28c
Tubs	26½@27c
Ohio cream	24½@25½c
Dairy	18@19c
Cooking	17½@18c
Cheese, N. Y. full cream, new	14@14½c
Ohio full cream	14@14½c
do ¾ cream	13@13½c
do Picnics	14½@15c
do Wis. Swiss, tubs	15@15½c
do block	14½@15c
do imported	27@27½c
do Limburger, new	13@13½c
do 5-lb brick, new	14½@15c
do Neufchatel, large box	90c@$1.00
do Shefford, box	35c
Eggs, selected	30@32c
do strictly nearby fresh	27@28c
do southern	23@24c
do storage	21@22c

JOBBERS' YARD PRICES.

Potatoes, car lots, fancy, bu	65@70c
Virginia sweets	$1.25@1.50
Cabbage, G. S., ton	$15.00@20.00
Apples, Fancy, bbl	$3.50@4.50
Choice, bbl	$2.50@3.50
Onions, bbl	$1.75@1.85
do bu	60@65c

Work in Southwest Discouraging; Completions All Light or Dry

Reports from the lower southwest fields were exceedingly light and contained little of interest to the trade in general. With two exceptions all of the completions came in light or dry. While there is some test work under way in the old fields, the outlook is by no means encouraging for the discovery of new pools or extension to the old. The South Penn Oil Company's two good deep sand producers are the only discoveries of the past week to claim a production of 100 or more barrels a day. In the Folsom district, in Harrison county, that company's No. 4 on the S. A. Cavalier farm is holding up at 155 barrels a day and its Gordon sand well on the S. C. Kuglar farm, on Campbells run, is producing 175 barrels a day. Both wells are located inside of deemed limits and aside from their size are not important.

On Sycamore run, McClellan district, Doddridge county, the Philadelphia company has completed a test on the Jennie Bee farm and has a fair gasser in the Gordon. On McElroy creek, in the same district, the Swisher Oil Company has given its No. 3 on the Harriet McCormick farm a shot in the Big Injun and failed to improve the showing when drilled through the sand. It will not be good for more than five barrels a day. In the same locality, Lamberton & Co. are due in the sand at a test on the Rachel Dotson farm.

In the Burning Springs district, Wirt county, the F. J. Harley heirs have drilled their No. 6 on the W. H. H. Wheaton farm through the salt sand and have a fair gasser, at a depth of 925 feet. In Murphy district, Ritchie county, the Southern Oil Company is due in the salt sand at its test on the J. R. Wilson farm. In the same district, the Cairo Salt Company is due in the same formation at a test on the Ritchie Mines tract. The Richter Oil Company is due to get the sand this week at a second test on the Morris Richter farm. More than two miles northeast of Chamoussville, Logan county, the Arracoma Oil Co. has a light gasser in the Berea grit on the W. Perry farm.

The southeastern Ohio fields are furnishing nothing better than light pumpers, as shown by the late field reports. In the Hiawatha district, in Monroe county, the Southern Oil Company has completed its No. 10 on the Theresa Beecher farm and has a show for a 15-barrel pumper in the Keener sand. In the Lewisville district, in the same county, T. T. Vandergrift has completed a test on the John Polock farm and has a duster in all sands. In the same district, W. G. Decker has drilled his second test on the M. M. Fisher farm through the Keener and has a show for a 30-barrel pumper.

North of the old Adams pool, in Harrison county, M. Spellacy has drilled his test on the McPeek farm below the point where the Berea grit should have been found and failed to find any traces of that formation. This is a wildcat of some importance and coming a duster shuts off a north extension to the old development. In the Macksburg field, in Washington county, D. Sloan has completed No. 5 on the John Magee farm and has a 3-barrel pumper in the Buell Run sand.

Light pumpers are the best the old Beaver county fields have to offer. In the Georgetown district, H. Wilson has drilled his No. 5 on his own farm through the Berea grit and has a show for a very light pumper. On the Dixmont Asylum property, at Dixmont, Allegheny county, No. 8 has been completed and is a fair gasser. North of De Haven, W. C. Walley & Co. have completed No. 3 on the A. Boyer farm and have a 4-barrel pumper. In the same district, W. J. Dunlap & Co. have completed a test on the L. M. Bible farm and have the same kind of a pumper. The Crafton Oil Company has the rig completed for a test on the C. Campbell farm and Whitmer & Co. are drilling a second test on the C. Krieg farm.

Shipments and Runs.

Shipments and runs of the Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana fields:

PENNSYLVANIA OIL.

SHIPMENTS.		RUNS.	
December 19	62,115	December 18	78,121
Previously	1,289,676	Previously	1,941,[illegible]
Total	1,351,791	Total	1,719,271
Daily average	71,726	Daily average	92,224

LIMA OIL.

SHIPMENTS.		RUNS.	
December 19	19,417	December 18	54,518
Previously	1,198,958	Previously	752,248
Total	1,218,240	Total	788,753
Daily average	65,702	Daily average	43,711

The Oil Market.

The following are the quotations for credit balances in the different fields: Pennsylvania, $1 58; Thom, $1 65; Second Sand, $1 58; Cabell, $1 18; Corning, $1 10; New Castle, $1 25; North Lima, 94c; South Lima, 88c; Corsicana, 91c. The Producers and Refiners' Company quotes $1 58 for Pennsylvania oil.

OIL CITY, Dec. 20.—Credit balances, $1 58. Shipments, 63,110 barrels; average, 71,725 barrels; runs, 78,541 barrels; average, 62,254 barrels. Shipments of Lima, 65,691 barrels; average, 46,479 barrels; runs, 40,344 barrels; average, 42,922 barrels.

Butter, Eggs and Cheese.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Butter steady; creameries, 18@23½c; dairies, 17@20c. Eggs steady, at mark, cases included, 18@22c; firsts, 20c; prime firsts, 24c; extras, 26c. Cheese quiet at 11½@13c.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Butter firm; extra western creameries, 25c; extra nearby prints, 28c. Eggs firm and in good demand; nearby fresh, 28c at mark; western fresh, 25c at mark. Cheese quiet; New York full cream, fancy, 13¾@14c; choice, 13½c; fair to good, 12¾@13½c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Butter firm and unchanged; receipts, 8,895 packages. Cheese steady and unchanged; receipts, 3,341 packages. Eggs firm and unchanged; receipts, 6,790 cases.

Evaporated Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The market for evaporated apples continues firm and there are rumors of sales of prime as high as 9¾c. Common are quoted at 7@8¼c; nearly prime at 9¼@9¾c; prime at 9¾@10c; choice at 10½c and fancy at 11@12c. Prunes hold very firm on spot with quotations ranging from 4¾ to 8c. Apricots remain quiet and unchanged at 6@6½c for choice quoted at 8½@9c; extra, choice at 9½@10c; and fancy at 10@12c. Peaches also are quiet but offerings are very light. Extra choice are quoted at 10c, fancy at 10¼@11c; and extra fancy at 11½@13c. Raisins also are quiet for the time being but holders are asking full recent prices. Loose muscatel are quoted at 5¾@7½c; seeded raisins at 6½@9c; and London layers at $1 60.

The Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The market for coffee futures opened steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 5 points under favorable reports from the growing Rio crop which was estimated by a private cable at 3,750,000 bags. Offerings were scattered, however, and with importers buying, the market ruled steady during the middle session and closed steady at a net decline of five points to an advance of five points. Sales were reported of 39,000 bags including January at $6 40; March at $6 55; May at $6 65@6 70; July at $6 75@6 80; and October at $6 95.

The Whisky Market.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.—Whisky, $1 30.

WHEAT RESPONDS TO BREAK IN CORN

Market Is Weak Throughout the Entire Day Through Various Influences.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Liberal primary receipts and a break in the price of corn were influential factors contributing to a weak wheat market here today. At the close wheat for May delivery was off 1½@1¾c. Corn was down ⅜c. Oats showed a loss of ⅜@½c. Provisions were 7½@12½c lower.

The wheat market was weak throughout the entire day. Early in the session prices were weak on reports of declines in the northwestern markets. The failure at Liverpool to respond to the advance on the local board yesterday was an important factor. Many local traders who covered short lines or the upturn of yesterday put out new short lines today, and there was for a time small response from the bulls.

The slump in corn also caused selling. Heavy primary receipts of 823,000 bushels, against 648,000 bushels for the corresponding day of last year, also encouraged the bears. During the last half hour commission houses bought actively and there was a decided improvement in the demand. This resulted in a recovery of a large portion of the loss recorded early in the day. The market closed easy. May opened 1¢ to ⅝c lower at 83¼@83¾c, sold up to 83⅝c and declined to 82¾c. Final quotations were at 83½@83¾c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 309,000 bushels. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 662 cars, against 702 cars last week and 533 cars a year ago.

Reports of a "corner" in December, which were numerous early in the day, caused firmness in the corn market and particularly in the December delivery. Toward the middle of the day, general liquidation brought about a sharp break. The selling was induced by a report that a quantity of No. 3 corn had been purchased for the purpose of delivering at a penalty on December contracts. The close was weak. May opened a shade to ¼c lower at 44⅜c to 44⅝@44¾c, sold up to 44¾c, and then declined to 44@44⅛c. Final quotations were at 44¼c. Local receipts were 284 cars, with six of contract grade.

The break in corn brought about extensive profit-taking in oats resulting in a weak market. Trading was confined mainly to local dealers. May opened unchanged to a shade lower at 32¾@32⅞c to 32⅝c

STERLING AND COOKE STEP UP

Important Changes Are Made by P. & L. E.—More B. & O. Yards, Says Fitzgerald.

P. R. R. MAKES NEW RECORD

Two more important changes in the terminal and passenger department offices of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad became known yesterday. J. Harry Sterling, traveling passenger agent, is to become station ticket agent and Charles W. Cooke, station ticket agent, is to become traveling passenger agent. This is not merely a change of place for the two men, but is a promotion for each one. The station agency has become a more important place with the large increase in the Lake Erie's passenger business, and this importance is shown in the advancement of Mr. Sterling to the place. Mr. Cooke is likewise advanced in becoming traveling passenger agent. The change of the baggage depart-

J. Harry Sterling.

ment at the terminal and the appointment of L. A. Silles to the new office of baggage agent was announced in The Gazette a couple of days ago. It is probable the appointment of a chief clerk in the general passenger department will be announced in a few days by General Passenger Agent Robison. Mr. Robison confirmed the news of the promotions of Messrs. Sterling and Cooke last evening. Both of these men have been identified with the "Little Giant" passenger interests in Pittsburgh for several years and are well known.

Says B. & O. Will Go Ahead.

General Manager Fitzgerald said yesterday in response to a question regarding the Baltimore & Ohio's optioning of property in the vicinity of McKeesport:

"Well, the Baltimore & Ohio needs additional facilities, and the situation must be met. We must enlarge our yards and build new ones. No, I do not know a thing about the immediate plans for the new Pittsburgh freight terminal warehouses or yards."

Mr. Fitzgerald was accompanied by Assistant Chief Engineer Greiner and came in from Chicago, going east last night. He was met here by General Superintendent Finney. Superintendent of Motive Power White of Baltimore was also in the city. Superintendent Doer and Master Mechanic Prendergast made an official visit to Foxburg to look after shop and road matters.

P. R. R. Again Breaks Record.

"The best news that I know is that the Pennsylvania broke its former record again yesterday in the movement of freight trains over the Pittsburgh division," said Superintendent Long yesterday. "There were 181 trains handled past Gallitzin, 107 of these going east and 74 coming west. These were freight trains only, the record not counting the passenger trains or the shifting engines and cars. There were about 8,500 cars in the trains."

Mr. Long said he did not know of an assistant passenger trainmaster eing considered for the Pittsburgh division.

"That is like the story about one of the eastern railroad officers," said Mr. Long. "One day some fellow would say that the officer had a pretty bad cough. In a few hours a couple of miles away the story would be that the officer was down with pneumonia, and further on it would be consumption, with an expression: 'The old man cannot last long; I wonder who will take his place?' And then there would be slates made up. No, there is to be no new trainmaster here that I know of, and I would likely be the first man to know of such a thing. Don't you think so?"

Wabash and Wheeling & Lake Erie.

In view of the affidavits filed at Cleveland by President Delano and Vice-President Worthington of the Wheeling & Lake Erie regarding the matter of the Wabash not owning, leasing or operating the Wheeling & Lake Erie, it is interesting to note what the generally conceded official and authentic financial publications on railway stocks and securities have to say. The statements of the two officers, however, are taken in a technical sense. "Moody's Manual," in treating of the Wabash under the heading of "Roads Controlled by the Wabash Railroad Company," says: "Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad (controlled by stock ownership)." The "Manual of Statistics" says of the Wabash: "The company owns the Wabash-Pittsburgh Terminal Railway and its controlled line, the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad Co." "The Commercial and Financial Chronicle" in its railway and industrial section of the issue of Oct. 28, 1905, says of the Wabash that this company "also owns entire $10,000,000 stock of the Wabash-Pittsburgh Terminal Railway, 60 miles, which holds a majority of stock of Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway, 472 miles." An issue of Wheeling & Lake Erie stock of $15,000,000 was issued a few months ago, and this may have changed the controlling ownership from the Wabash interests.

Link to Low Grade P. R. R. Line.

According to the Philadelphia Ledger, the officers of the Pennsylvania have taken a step toward the immediate building of the last link of the company's low grade freight line from Harrisburg to New York by incorporating the Pennsylvania & Newark Railroad Company at Trenton on Tuesday, the capital being $500,000. The new company proposes to build a road from a point in the middle of the Delaware river at Trenton through the counties of Mercer, Middlesex and Union in New Jersey, to a point in Essex county, where the road will connect with the main line of the Pennsylvania. The new line will be 47 miles long.

Will Build Santa Fe Central Branch.

Prominent New Mexicans were in conference with Francis J. Torrance Tuesday and yesterday regarding the proposed construction of the Albuquerque branch, 30 miles, of the Santa Fe Central railway. The work grading is about two-thirds completed and 10 miles of rails are on the ground. The completion would cost about $100,000 and would open the big coal fields of the Santa Fe Central to the El Paso market. It is thought that the Santa Fe Central, if plans are carried out, need not be sold, and that the road will in the end become a paying investment. The men from New Mexico were H. O. Mussuman, Solomon Luna and W. H. Grier.

Railroad Notes.

The Pennsylvania lines will install parlor car service tomorrow on the Manhattan limited and Chicago limited between Alliance and Chicago.

Pennsylvania railroad transportation officers will meet next Friday at the call of Supt. of Freight Transportation Patterson to consider conditions in and about Pittsburgh.

The Baltimore & Ohio agents' monthly meeting, which was to have been held in Pittsburgh yesterday, was annulled because of the holiday rush.

Asst. Gen. Freight Agent Stevenson of the Clover Leaf was here from Toledo.

H. H. Burbank, accountant of the Pennsylvania lines west dining car department, was here from Columbus conferring with officers of the transportation and accounting departments.

The November report of the Pennsylvania railroad employes' relief fund shows the payments of benefits to its members and the families of deceased members for the month amounted to $113,609 91, of which $45,739 28 was on account of death and $67,870 65 on account of disablement by sickness or accident.

The Pennsylvania's freight department has issued pocket directories containing the names of all hay shippers, grain, flour and feed dealers, elevators and warehouses and oyster shippers located on the system.

The Association of Transportation Officers of the Pennsylvania lines west concluded its two-day session at the Union Station last evening.

Take no chances on Christmas turkeys, ducks and chickens. McCann & Co., 405-13 Market street.

The announcement of the S. Hamilton Co. on the fifth page this morning will interest every Christmas shopper.

FEDERAL STREET SALE OF $40,000

John Schmitt Buys Hotel Site in Allegheny—New High Record Price.

GOOD RESIDENCE PURCHASES

Price records in lower Federal street, Allegheny, have again been broken by the sale of No. 210 for $40,000, which is at the rate of $2,703 a front foot or $27.03 a square foot. The property belonged to Olive and Stephen H. Geyer and the new owner is John Schmitt, who has occupied the premises with a hotel for several years. The lot measures 14.8x100 feet on the east side of the street, between Lacock street and the Ft. Wayne elevated tracks, and runs back to Rampart alley. Very little worth can be attached to the three-story brick building on the lot, although it has a considerable renting value. The Geyers secured the property in 1875 at sheriff's sale. The sale is the first in this part of Federal street for months and will help in fixing the value on property in that locality.

Two reports were current yesterday, both of which were denied. One was that the Cook property at 518 Wood street, now occupied by Riddell's saloon, has been sold for $175,000. No sale has yet been effected and the owners have lately had an offer of $150,000 for the lot. The other rumor was that the property of Thomas B. Moreland, 60x140 feet, at the southeast corner of Broad street and Sheridan avenue, Nineteenth ward, had been sold for $65,000. It was learned from a reliable source that no deal has been closed for the lot, which is one of the most desirable in that district.

Oil City Man Buys in Shadyside.

Through the agency of A. Z. Byers & Co. a fine residence site in Shadyside was sold yesterday to William Hasson of Oil City for $16,000 cash. The lot is 64x121 feet at the northwest corner of Dahlia street and Von Lent place, near Amberson avenue, and is in the heart of the new residence district that is fast building up with high-class houses as the result of placing the S. S. Marvin frontage on the market. The site just secured is less than a half square from the Shadyside Presbyterian church on the one side and the costly home of Robert Pitcairn on the other, and is one of a score of lots within a radius of a square that have passed into the hands of business and professional men of Pittsburgh within a year. Mr. Hasson will have plans drawn at once for a $20,000 residence.

George I. Whitney of the brokerage firm of Whitney, Stephenson & Co., has sold to a local investor seven small brick houses on 48x100 feet in Center avenue, near Kirkpatrick street, for $15,000. The property extends back to John street and is well rented.

R. R. Lambert has secured from Joseph Hastings two Allegheny properties for $20,000. One is an improved lot, 57.5x235 feet, on the west side of Trenton avenue, Tenth ward, known as the George W. Pusey property. The other is an irregular shaped lot facing 58 feet in Charlotte street, 55 feet in Charles street and having a depth of 175 feet.

Thomas Elwell sold to Andrew Cupka an improved property, 48x100 feet, at Spruce street and Cass avenue, Ninth ward, Allegheny, for $16,000.

A. E. Weger bought from Jessie M. Miller an improved lot, 94x159 feet on the east side of California avenue, Eleventh ward, Allegheny, for $11,750.

A Boom to Wilkins Place.

Residents of Wilkins place are rejoicing over the recent decision of Swissvale voters to bond the borough for $50,000 for a new school house at Braddock and Charles avenues. The need of such a building has been keenly felt for two years, as the site is over a mile from the large Denniston school in Monongahela avenue and quite a distance from the Park Place city school, which most of the Wilkins place pupils now attend. There are now over 75 families in Wilkins place, a residence district which was opened only three years ago, and few suburbs of Pittsburgh are now showing a more rapid or satisfactory growth. The Swissvale board of education is composed of Dr. W. E. Fawcett, president; Dr. W. T. Pyle, L. L. Heinruch, James G. Hays, W. E. Ferguson and Thomas Addenbrook. Plans for the new building have been made by Architect F. G. Scheibler, Jr., of Wilkinsburg.

Molanphy & Bechert have placed a mortgage of $60,000 on a Liberty avenue business property, the rate being 5 per cent and the term five years. The money was secured from a local physician, showing that Pittsburghers still have plenty of money to loan on good downtown security at this rate.

The recent inquiry for property in the Soho section of Fifth avenue, leads to the belief that something of importance may be brewing for that district. No sales have been made there for several months, but property on the north side of the avenue, opposite the Soho school house, is now considered worth about $100 a front foot, the value of the lots being greatly impaired by the fact that they back up against the hillside which is constantly sliding down.

Women Are "Strong" for May Moving.

The ladies of Greater Pittsburgh, which is now taken to include all of Allegheny county, are coming to the front in almost a solid phalanx in favor of the proposition to change "Moving day" from April 1 to May 1. Hundreds of them—not a few of them large property owners—have besieged their brokers the past week with requests and suggestions that they should put their shoulders to the movement and see that it goes through. To the average woman—even in Pittsburgh—dirt is perhaps the greatest evil that besets her. She knows from many a moving in the sleet and rain and mud of the first day of April that it takes weeks or hard, disagreeable labor to thoroughly clean her belongings from the mire and filth that they have accumulated in the shifting of homes. More furniture is ruined, she knows, on that fateful day than the entire family would wear out in two years, and articles that are peculiarly susceptible to the influence of cold and damp, as pianos and other musical instruments are almost sure to find a place at the repair shop after the family is "settled."

The shifting of "Commission Row" from Liberty avenue to Ferry street, which was accomplished by Avey & Irish, as detailed in another column, is by far the most important change in business neighborhoods in Pittsburgh that has been made for years. It means much to the real estate world, for both localities are bound to profit much by the important improvements that are to come at an early date. The change will greatly relieve the congestion in the downtown section by making use of a street that has hitherto been of little importance. Which brings up the question raised some time ago, "Why not widen Ferry street?"

Wilkins Place: The Commonwealth Real Estate Company sold to Howard I. Fisher 108 Millon avenue, Wilkins place, for $9,000. This is an 11-room, reception-hall brick house finished in hardwood, and stands on 60x120 feet. It is the first house built east of Hutchinson avenue in that plan.

Allegheny: The Real Estate Savings & Trust Company sold for Harold W. Watkins 120 Morgan street, Fourth ward, Allegheny, an improved lot, 18x60 feet, for $4,500.

Vine street: The Aronson Realty Company sold for J. K. Brown to Mrs. Krantz an eight-room brick house on 18.5x75 feet, at 44 Vine street, Eleventh ward, for $3,500.

Tuscarora street: George E. Peebles, Jr., sold to Barbara E. F. Miller an improved lot, 50x150 feet, at the northeast corner of Tuscarora street and East End avenue, Twenty-second ward, for $5,000.

Negley avenue: James R. Mellon sold to Henry S. Watt 18.9x157 feet on the west side of South Negley avenue, Twenty-second ward, for $7,350.

Frankstown avenue: Simon Linton sold to D. H. Shipler an improved lot, 25x97 feet, on the northeast side of Frankstown avenue, near Sterrett street, Twenty-first ward, for $3,500.

Kedron avenue: S. T. Horner sold to Elizabeth W. Hampton an improved lot, 25x97 feet, on the south side of Kedron avenue, Twenty-first ward, for $3,400.

Frankstown avenue: Phillip Heins sold to Rachel Schumacher 25x120 feet on the north side of Frankstown avenue, Twenty-first ward, for $2,625.

Justin street: John A. Richter sold to Israel Glick 24x78 feet on the north side of Justin street, Sixth ward, for $2,950.

New Buildings Announced.

Building permits were issued yesterday to George Shickler for three three-story brick apartments on McKee place, Fourteenth ward, to cost $42,000; Thomas A. Coleman five two-story brick veneered dwellings on Portland street, Nineteenth ward, to cost $30,000; Thomas Whitten three-story brick apartment on Webster avenue, Thirteenth ward, to cost $8,000; Matthew Sisk one-story frame pool room on Butler street, Eighteenth ward, to cost $3,000; E. G. Burke two two-story frame dwelling on Haberman street and one two-story frame dwelling on Estella street, Thirty-second ward, to cost $6,400.

Transfers Recorded.

Logan John C to H J Courader, Nov 1, 22d ward, Pittsburgh, 50x130, Hobart st.	$ 2,500
Elwell Thomas to Andrew Cupka, Dec 1, 9th ward, Allegheny, 100x48, Spruce st.	16,000
Glashsbrenner John to C Schatna, Aug 31, 15th ward, Allegheny, 34x193, Smithton ave.	2,500
Poorbaugh A E to Mary J Rodgers, Nov 21, Mifflin twp, 12x140, Risher ave.	4,500
Same to D. H. Rodgers, Nov 21, Mifflin twp, 144x374, Noel ave.	6,000
Whitfield W H to J B Brown, Dec 18, West Liberty, 30x100, Eleventh ave.	5,000
Hays Miriam to R M Erskine, Dec 1, 23d ward, Pittsburgh, 58x109, Greenfield st.	1,525
McNally M to H Blackham, Dec 11, 23d ward, Pittsburgh, 26x100, Greenfield ave.	1,500
Lenehan S E to T Pincomb, Nov 2, Greentree, lot 506, Westwood	3,050
Meyer G F to Henry Friedman, Oct 14, 1st ward, McKeesport, 40x85, Market st.	6,700
Lea Robert B to Marie Walker, Dec 6, 5th ward, Allegheny, 55x183, Penna ave.	13,000
Eideman J B to Louis Valz, Jr., Nov 24, Mt. Oliver, 59x105, Ormsby st.	5,250
Enterprise L and Impt Co to H E Leisch, Dec 15, Penn twp, 50x103, Hawkins ave.	1,500
Neely J to E B Arnold, Nov 18, 32d ward, 19x91, Boggs ave.	1,425
Emich William A to Thomas J Janda, Oct 31, 4th ward, Allegheny, 40x136, Ohio st.	16,000
Park James A to L W Shirley, Nov 14, Plum twp, 18,000 acres	1,114
Griffin T to D O Dinnsen, Dec 8, 14th ward, Pittsburgh, 24x31, Fifth ave.	3,500
Werner O H to A A Werner, Dec 5, 19th ward, Pittsburgh, 51x48, Kirkwood st.	30,000
Glick Israel to C F Knowlan, Dec 4, 14th ward, Pittsburgh, 20x107, Forbes ave.	11,000
Peter Klein to Klein Bros. Packing Co, Dec 15, Collier twp, tract of land on public road	11,500
Pittsburgh Trust Co to S S Watters, Nov 29, 21st ward, Pittsburgh, 55x92, Montecello st.	1,050
Benz Lorenz to Oliver Iron and Steel Co, Dec 15, 28th ward, Pittsburgh, 480x184, South 13th st.	45,000
Kiernan E E to James Girdwood, Dec 14, 11th ward, Pittsburgh, 50x59, Bedford ave.	6,000
Imhoff E L to Alex Gilfillan, Dec 8, Ingram, 50x120, Caplan st.	2,687
McGinnis J C to John Gillespie, Nov 15, Pitcairn, 30x90, Wall ave.	2,296
Panza B to A Sicilia, Nov 29, Sharpsburg, 21x100, Penn st.	2,600
Loch William H to P Daloria, Oct 16, 21st ward, Pittsburgh, 44x85, Shetland ave.	3,500
Ivy John to R D Eichleay, Dec 11, 26th ward, Pittsburgh, 20x129, Wharton st.	3,000
Milligan Kezia to Thomas P Toynbee, Dec 15, Sheraden, 25x100, Glenmawr ave.	2,100
Rodgers D H to W R Negley, Dec 5, Mifflin twp, 20 Lincoln place	11,300
Negley W R to D H Rodgers, Dec 1, Richland twp, 66 perches	6,000

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RUSSIA IS SENDING HER GOLD TO GERMANY

Will Be Used to Redeem Treasury Notes Which Are Due Next Year.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Gold has begun to arrive in large quantities at the Imperial bank of Germany from St. Petersburg. About $3,750,000 arrived yesterday, while the amount included in the last bank return is understood to be about $7,000,000. The movement is expected to continue until a total of $25,000,000 is reached.

The Berlin market is indulging in much speculation concerning the meaning of these shipments, the views expressed varying considerably. Some authorities explain it as the strengthening of Russia's balances in Berlin with which to buy up vast amounts of Russian securities in order to protect the quotations. The best authorities, however, say that the gold is intended to redeem the issue of Russian treasury notes sold in Germany and France in May and June. The notes will mature in February and March.

Rumors to the effect that the Russian treasury will be unable to pay the January coupons of the foreign debate have been set at rest by the announcement that it is in readiness to pay immediately and that indeed the payment has been going on since last week.

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CHRISTMAS PLAYS.

The Theaters Will Offer Bills in Most Instances in Harmony With the Season.

At a special matinee Christmas day Bertha Kalich will appear at the Belasco theater to begin a week's engagement in the Maeterlinck masterpiece, "Monna Vanna," under the management of Harrison Grey Fiske. This will be the first appearance of Madame Kalich outside of New York in this celebrated production, and her first Pittsburgh appearance as an English-speaking actress.

Messrs. Klaw and Erlanger are to present the unique imaginative spectacle, "The Pearl and the Pumpkin," at the Nixon theater next week, the engagement opening with a special matinee on Christmas day. An added feature to the production will be the famous Spanish dancing troupe, known as the Ercole-Arraza dancers and troubadours, which for the past two years have been one of the big European sensations.

James O'Dea has supplied a number of catchy lyrics for "The Grafter," which Hap Ward, late of Ward and Vokes, will show to the theater-goers as the Christmas attraction at the Alvin theater, commencing with the special matinee next Monday. Lucy Daly will sing and the entire cast and production is built for fun.

Hugh J. Ward and Jessie Izett, coming to the Grand next week associated in a comedy sketch, will lend the holiday week in vaudeville added attractiveness. In addition to these popular stars there will appear the Picolo midgets, the tiny fun-makers, who are the cleverest of all the Lilliputians; Will Rogers, known as the "Lariat King," in his remarkable feats with the lasso, in which he performs both on foot and mounted on a cow pony.

Wilson Barrett's deeply religious and stirring drama, "The Sign of the Cross," which will have elaborate and richly-costumed production at the Empire theater Xmas week, commencing Xmas matinee, has for many years enjoyed quite a unique success in this as in other lands. This remarkable play has a clientele that is drawn with peculiar strength from church-goers and that considerable portion of the public designated as non-theater-goers.

Endless merriment is promised for the week commencing next Monday afternoon. The Bowery Burlesquers are to celebrate their eighth annual tour at the Gayety theater, and there is good reason to believe that the festivities will be enjoyed by as many as the house can hold during that week. A special and strong vaudeville performance will be offered in connection with two of the funniest burlettas on the stage.

Sam Devere's Own company, in one of the strongest bills he has yet brought together, will be the next week's attraction at the Academy. The olio will include the Schrodes, acrobatic comedy artists; the Newell sisters, singers and dancers; the Bijou Comedy Four, one of the best quartets now before the public; Minnie Granville, vocalist; Harry Wood, comedian; John Murray, comedy artist, and Sam Devere.

Iron City Cement Co. Incorporates.

DOVER, DEL., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation were filed today for the Iron City Portland Cement Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., to carry on the business of quarrying, mining, milling and treating limestone and other minerals and the manufacture of same into cement lime or other by-products. Incorporators: James L. Delong, A. F. Johnston, Chas. F. Delong, all of Pittsburgh, Pa. Capital stock $1,000,000.

Schools Close for Holidays.

The public schools of Braddock, North Braddock and Rankin will close Friday for the Christmas vacation, and all the teachers will be paid for a full month although the school month of December will not be quite completed, on account of the Thanksgiving vacation. The Braddock and Rankin schools will resume January 2, while the North Braddock schools will not resume until January 4.

Former Senate Clerk Stricken.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 20.—Col. Charles W. Johnson, for several years clerk of the United States senate and now treasurer of Hennepin county, was stricken with paralysis yesterday. He is in a precarious condition today at Asbury hospital.

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